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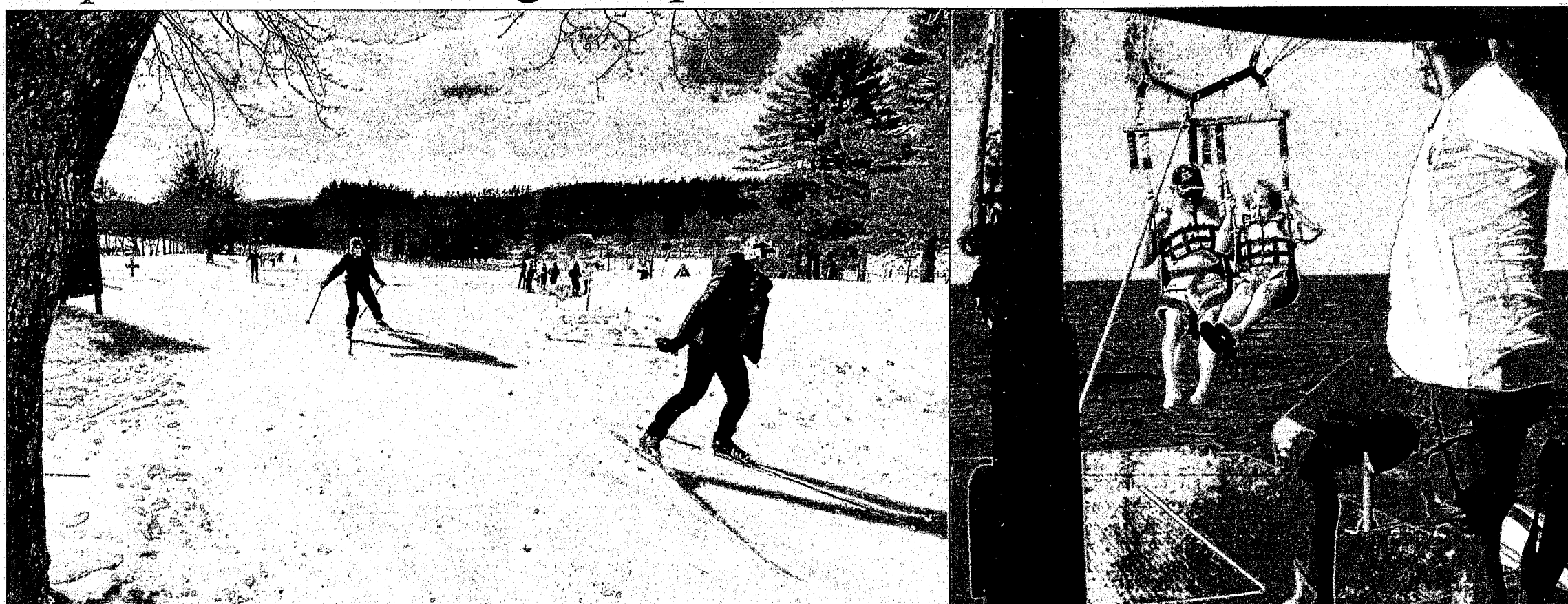
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Super season: Kicking off up Bethel Hill, touchdown off Cozumel



NOT ALL OF THE AREA'S RECREATIONAL FOCUS these days has been on 100 yards of artificial turf in a covered stadium in Illinois. Here at home last Sunday's 11th Annual New England Nordic Ski Association (NENSA) Women's Ski Day drew nearly 200 skiers, instructors and industry reps to the Bethel Inn Resort to enjoy the trails and bright, if blustery, weather. "It was a great showcase for skiing in Bethel. Ski enthusiasts from across New England were treated to perfectly groomed trails at the Nordic Center, a hearty lunch at the resort's Conference Center plus event activities such as a welcome social with live music, massage therapy, yoga and ski-tuning clinics," said marketing director Brad Jerome. Left: instructor Kristina Sabasteanski of Raymond leads skate skiers to the top of the course, as various other clinics take place downslope. And away from Bethel (right) there were other outdoor pleasures, in this case off the coast of Cozumel, Mexico, where Cleo Ryerson of South Woodstock, accompanied by son Craig, took her first parasailing flight. Cleo and Craig are shown here at liftoff; touchdown was equally smooth. The voyage aloft was just one adventure on the seven-day cruise, to which Cleo, 85, was treated by Craig and Jane Ryerson of Bethel, Duane and Lisa Ryerson of South Woodstock, and Perry and Ann Ryerson of Wayne. The cruise also included stops in Haiti and Jamaica.

(Photos: Right, M. Daniels; Left, Lisa Ryerson)

MDOT bumping Newry from Rt. 2 salt/sand shed

By ALISON ALOISIO

In preparation for the annual town meeting in March, Newry officials are looking into alternative options for a sand/salt shed for the town.

For as long as current town officials can remember, Newry has been getting its road sand and salt through a sharing arrangement with the Maine Department of Transportation shed on Route 2 in Bethel.

But MDOT has said that

must end soon.

Newry would be allowed to continue with a modified arrangement for one more winter, according to Town Administrator Loretta Powers.

At a budget workshop Tuesday, selectmen decided to gather information on two options: building a new shed, or sharing one owned by Sunday River Ski Resort.

CEO Dave Bonney has done

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Barriers to migration of brook trout evaluated

By TERRY KARKOS, Sun Media Wire

Work is underway to rehabilitate barriers to brook trout passage at high-priority sites in the Bear and Sunday river watersheds in Newry and Riley Township.

The Sunday River and Bear River watersheds support important populations of wild brook trout.

Last summer, the Androscoggin River Watershed Council surveyed all of the culverts, bridges, dams and fords at perennial stream

crossings in both watersheds from headwater brooks downstream to their confluence with the Androscoggin River.

In all, 140 sites were inventoried across a 94-square-mile area, ARWC Project Manager Jeff Stern said last week by

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Paradise parcel closed while views are reopened

By MICHAEL DANIELS

For the month of February, cross-country skiers and snowshoers are being asked not to use a popular 20-plus-acre wooded area on the west side of Paradise Road.

The hillside parcel, approximately a third of a mile from the intersection of Paradise and Broad streets, is being selectively logged, primarily to reopen views that have grown in during the three decades the land has gone unthinned,

according to owner Ted Chadbourne.

The parcel is located behind 10 homes that front on Paradise, Chadbourne said, between them and the Bethel Inn golf course.

Most recreationists access the parcel's trails — cut by Chadbourne and now maintained by the Bethel Inn Nordic Center — from the inn's 14th fairway.

Those trailheads will be roped off while the logging is

in progress, Chadbourne said, but other skiers, snowshoers and nature lovers access the parcel from the large field off Paradise.

That side of the parcel will not be roped off while the logging is in progress, he said, but there will be a driveway plowed into the field, and evidence (including chip trucks) of active logging will be obvious. (See letter, page 2)

One of the reasons Chadbourne has opted to move

ahead with the logging at this time, he said, is that exploratory efforts to study the feasibility of establishing a retirement community on the property have stalled.

He said he had been holding off on the cutting, in part, because if retirement residences were to be built there, it would have made sense to wait and shape any view lines to accommodate them.

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State revives Grafton Notch Scenic Byways Committee

By ALISON ALOISIO

A planned revival this week of the Grafton Notch Scenic Byways Committee could serve "as a hook around which to do regional economic development," according to State Scenic Byway Coordinator Fred Michaud.

The committee, comprised of residents of area towns, is expected to update a 2000 Corridor Management Plan for Route 26 through Newry, Grafton and Upton.

An earlier committee, also made up of local residents and advised by the state, produced that plan.

**Background

The 2000 plan noted that even the formation of the original committee, and the decision to go ahead with the plan, was at first the subject of debate among its members. But in the end

most felt that planning "for the inevitable growth of traffic along the corridor was worthwhile."

They then set out a vision to preserve the natural beauty of the byway, while supporting all types of users and travel. The vision called for supporting traditional livelihoods, respecting property rights and discouraging "inappropriate" tourism.

The vision also drew on the Newry Comprehensive Plan, which included references to preserving scenic vistas and encouraging tourism-related business.

The committee compiled specific recommendations: establish a Corridor Management Entity; extend the length of the byway (to reach from Route 2 to the state line); press

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ABC's 'Good Morning America' shoots in Mason Township

By R. GROVER

Last Saturday afternoon, Steve Crone stopped by to get his mail as I was dropping off a couple logs on my woodpile across the road from the mailboxes. He said, "I've got a good story for you."

"Oh. What is that about?" "I can't tell you now. You'll have to come up to the Inn, and I'll show you."

"Okay. Do you want me to come up now?"

"No. Make it late tomorrow afternoon. I've got some guys doing some stuff with the dogs over at Umbagog Recreation area tomorrow, and we're coming back to the Inn." (Telemark Inn at the end of the Kings Highway).

"Okay. See you then."

I drove up to the Inn about 4:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon.

Leo Jost came out to greet me, and I told her Steve invited me up to see some people, but he didn't say who or what they were doing.

Leo laughed and said, "They are from the ABC Good Morning America TV program, doing some shooting with the dog teams and skis and stuff, and they wanted to make a video of primitive camping using the teepee up here on the hill."

"Really! I think I'm a little out of my league with that."

"Well, they are still up at Umbagog, and I don't expect them to get back before 6:00 p.m. or a little later. You can take a look at our teepee there and come back later to meet them and perhaps get a story." "It'll be dark by then, so

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ACTOR AND TELEVISION HOST CAMERON MATHISON, born in Ottawa, is right at home in Steve Crone's teepee in the winter woods of western Maine.

(Photo: R. Grover)

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Letters

REMEMBERING FRANK GIBSON

To the Editor:

The passing of Frank Gibson removes from the scene one of Bethel's most noteworthy "characters." I have been listening to Frank's stories since the 1970s. He inevitably seemed to want to scandalize me with some of his tales and I have to admit several of them did cause me to pause a bit. However, I usually assured him that it is difficult to shock a historian if he/she has done his/her "homework."

It was invariably a pleasure to visit him every fall for apples and cider. I never knew what topic he would raise each time we met, but it rarely was anything ordinary or predictable.

I trust his family will in the future keep the orchard going and the cider flowing. The fun of seeing Frank again will be gone, but every time I have an opportunity to sip a glass of cold cider from his apples, there will certainly be a broad smile on my face as I reflect upon the legacy of a master storyteller who so often in his long life did it his way.

Stan Howe
Bethel

WEST BETHEL WATER THANKS

To the Editor:

As most already know, Bethel Water District is doing a project in West Bethel. It includes discontinuing use of the old water source, connecting West Bethel to the Bethel water source, fire hydrants installed to drastically improve firefighting and maintenance capabilities, and replacement of some water mains.

This is a project that has impacted this community in a very positive way. There are those that need to be recognized for making this project happen. Before I do this I would like to give an update on what will happen this spring to finish this project. There will be an additional 350 feet of old main replacement with another fire hydrant installed, bringing a total of five fire hydrants to the area.

There may be some service replacements done also. We will do our very best to limit any disruption to West Bethel customers during that time.

The following people had a big impact on this project to help it move forward and get it to what it is today. BWD would like to give a special thanks to Mr. Roy Newton, State Representative Jarrod Crockett, and the fine residents of West Bethel who were very understanding during the inconveniences of construction. Thanks to the Town of Bethel Selectmen, A.E. Hodson Consulting Engineers, Cross Excavation, Paris Utility District Lab, Rural Development, State of Maine Drinking Water Program, St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad, Mr. Richard Douglass, and please forgive me, those I may have unintentionally left out.

I would like to give recognition to those that also worked very hard and rarely get credit. Brent Angevine, Reggie Brown, and Peter Mason, our Bethel Water District Trustees. Last, but not least, Donnie Katlin and Callie Colby, the staff of BWD.

These people made this project go from idea to pipe in the ground. I give you my most sincere appreciation. I admire the dedication and enthusiasm of all who had a part in this great project.

Lucien G. Roberge
Superintendent

CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL FEB. 12

To the Editor:

Valentine's Day is just around the corner and there is no better time to enjoy chocolate with loved ones! The Class of 2012 will be hosting a chocolate festival at the Bethel Inn Conference Center on Sunday, Feb. 12, from 2 to 4 p.m. All proceeds from the event will go to supporting Project Graduation.

Project Graduation is an important event for our community. Following graduation on June 8, the senior class will get on a bus together for an all-night outing. The idea is to promote a night of fun that is chemical free. It is important that we as a community keep our newest graduates safe on that particular evening.

We hope that you, your family and your friends will get out for some fresh air and exercise on Sunday, Feb. 12, build up hearty appetites and then come feast on our chocolate goodies to support a good cause. The cost will be \$5 for all you can eat.

Sarah Southam, Ellen Marshall and Shelley Douglass
Telstar Class of 2012 Advisers

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor.

Letters should be limited to 300 words, but that limit will be waived when the situation warrants.

When writing, please include your full name, signature, address and telephone number (so that we may verify authorship).

The deadline for letters to the editor is 4:30 p.m. Monday. Letters submitted after that deadline will be considered for publication when circumstances permit.

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THE DANGERS OF RIVER RIDING

To the Editor:

The photo at the top of this week's front page depicts the scene of a recent tragedy on the Androscoggin River. It was taken at the Rumford Point Bridge. If you did not hear about it, it is because due to a possible miracle it did not happen. If you look at the tracks, you can see how close it was. I hope the maker of these tracks went and bought a Powerball ticket, for this was undoubtedly the luckiest day of his life.

Due to the unusual weather this winter, many places along the river that are normally frozen are not. Because of the fluctuation of flow due to melt-water and releases from dams upriver, some places open up for a day or so then refreeze. Despite repeated media warnings, riders still go where they should not. Oftentimes they find themselves in an area they are not familiar with the ice conditions. If they see an earlier track, they assume it is safe to go.

Rivers and places where there is normally current usually experience changing ice conditions sooner and quicker than lakes or ponds. Folks, myself included, who live along the river witness this every winter and often shudder at the sight of machines going by close to a dangerous spot.

The whole purpose of my letter is that it might help anyone who reads it to be very aware of the dangers of river riding and especially warn your youngsters of these dangers and maybe save a life.

Eric Wight, Maine Game Warden (Ret.)
East Bethel

PARCEL CLOSED FOR IMPROVEMENTS

To the Editor:

The public is requested during February not to enter the Paradise Hill portion of our tree farm (though selective cutting may be observed from the large field on the right as you drive up that road). Many know that our land, and trails I built there (maintained by the Bethel Inn Nordic Center) welcome a rich variety of animals including any humans on foot, skis or snowshoes, anytime when it's safe to be there. But Since 1945 Bethel has had likely the greatest proportion of professional foresters and certified Tree Farmers of any town in this beautiful county. (I'd name them but fear I'd omit one.) That they have enabled growth of the finest trees (which lesser folks cut first) has enabled the Bethel area also to have the greatest concentration of woodworking plants and sawmills in a very large area. Many dedicated workers and remarkable farm families like the Carters and Hastings have for a hundred years now been joined by a great collection of intelligent, talented folks, so that Bethel is as blessed as it's biblical name. This month we'll be doing a selective harvest, aimed primarily at restoring views to the north and west for ten home-owners.

I was honored many years ago when Ralph Hall chose me as custodian and future owner of 20 acres between house lots on Paradise and Bethel Inn's 14th Fairway, a hillside parcel extending from the Vachon estate to the Tibbetts estate. Ralph had planted Norway Spruce in his fields (in a band from 150 feet west of the road to a stone wall 500 feet back) but never harvested them, and they came to block the Hall's view, plus that of seven other houses and five house lots he still owned. My friend Wyn Haskell and I spent happy days clearing around the stonewall and hundreds of poplar trees which had begun to fill in the lower field. In 1990 I had a chipper come in to clear out most of the then 20-foot-high spruce, but left all on a Vachon lot (95 Paradise) and most on my still-available lot at 135 Paradise Road.

As we undertake to restore much of the lost views, I've invited all 10 abutters to flag trees they'd like retained on their land or ours, and have myself spent three days marking trees behind the stonewall which would look good standing as profile trees against the skyline. (It was Fred Burke who recommended leaving such to give a greater feeling of depth to a landscape view.) While we've marked many fine white pines to save (which had been pruned to grow select-grade boards), many of those may have to be sacrificed for the view, leaving primarily white birch, Norway (red) pine, maple for color, and those conical spruce, of which we've saved the best.

If Donald Roakes' team (like Bethel's superb equivalent logger, Don Bennett) can achieve it, we may enable some on the Hill for the first time in over 30 years see two white steeples on Church Street and the Gould cupola but I doubt we'll be that lucky. It's hard to keep Mother Nature down! (Just think if you didn't like grass or white pine, how difficult it would be to eliminate them!). Whatever we're able to restore cannot possibly be as spectacular as what my Brother Bob achieved from ledges at the top of the Hill, in part because we'll also be trying to limit wind, another difficult balance. ("Chadbourne Tree Farms" is Bob's, not mine. (Ads by "tchad" — also d.b.a. "landme" — are neither Bob's nor mine.

Ted Chadbourne
Cumberland

Trout

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email.

"Damaged road crossing structures can restrict fish migration and negatively affect stream health," he said.

In the Sunday River Watershed, the remnants of old logging dams were found to restrict brook trout passage in several places.

One such site on the Sunday River's main stem on state land in the Mahoosuc Unit in Riley Township presents a significant barrier to fish movement, Stern said.

He contacted officials with the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service about it. All agreed the dam must be removed, he said.

Stern said he also had John Field and Jay Milot, his partners on recent river restoration work, take a look.

Field created a plan to do partial removal and step down the

river from the top height of the dam to downstream river level using a series of in-stream rock weirs.

However, the state agencies want to avoid structures and plan to remove the dam this summer using hand tools, he said.

In upper areas of the watersheds — especially in the upper Sunday River — volunteer ARWC surveyors found numerous crossing sites where either a bridge or culvert had been removed from old logging roads and skidder trails.

"Many of these sites are now used as fords by off-road vehicles and have serious erosion," Stern said.

Additionally, Tropical Storm Irene destroyed at least one bridge in Riley Township of which he's aware.

A common problem with culverts was that the outlet was perched, meaning there's a drop down to the water level

from the culvert end.

"This could affect brook trout, because they are not great leapers like other salmonids, but I don't know how high is too high for brook trout to jump," Stern said.

He said that about 48 percent of the culverts were perched, 30 percent were partially or fully blocked, and 16 percent were deformed (crushed or otherwise mangled). Only 6 percent of the culverts were in good shape, in that they weren't perched, deformed or blocked.

At one priority site for restoration on Barker Brook, Stern and Joe Aloisio of Sunday River Ski Resort are designing a fish passage improvement project.

"There are two large culverts here that are 'perched' way above the stream behind White Cap Base by a chair lift," Stern said. "I believe the ski run is called Tempest Trail."

'Celladore'

From the 1954-1964 Journals of Beckie Bailey, Installment 56

The First Years: Do You See Many Wild Animals, Many Birds?

Deer are always a pest in a vegetable garden near the woods. They adore young beet tops and broccoli. The game warden gave us blood meal to scatter about. It contained them quite well but there always came a time after a rain when the deer came before we replenished the supply. What really bothered the garden was the woodchucks. They are wily creatures, difficult to shoot as they always have a den in the stone wall, always ate the choicest vegetables, though the field was full of fresh green grass. Every year B.B. shot ten or twelve of them; every year they came back fatter and more flourishing. We evidently were helping the natural selection of the survival of the fittest.

There are rabbits about. Some years one lived under the porch with the chipmunk. He left the vegetables alone, but plundered my flower garden instead. I felt that to beseech B.B. to shoot to save the vegetable garden was enough to ask of him, so I sacrificed my flowers until one day he ate all the blossoms from the special ruffled petunias and verbenas. I wept, B.B. offered to shoot him, but I could not say yes. He sat on the pumphouse steps and smiled at us. On hot days he napped in the shade of the hayrack; he was safe.

One day when B.B. was gone, the quiet was broken by the sound of distant voices. I looked up from my weeding in the north garden by the plum tree and saw emerge from the woods the Gunther boy's big white setter, Duke, covered with mud and happily wagging his tail. Next appeared the two preschool age boys with a friend. They too were well soaked with mud and were carrying their sneakers in their hands. They burst upon me all talking at once, greatly excited and pleased that they had found the horse trail, come all the way through the woods, alone. The feat had not been sufficiently talked over when Duke jumped into the middle of the flower garden, stood still as stone, pointing, the boys said. I stepped in and tried to pull him out, not wanting my flowers crushed. He is a gentle animal, did not offer to bite me, but would not budge. I looked. Right in the middle of a large oriental poppy plant were six tiny animals. The boys looked, exclaimed, "Six baby rabbits? Can I have one, can I have one?" Quite forgetting their mother, who also had a garden, I answered of course they could have them all. Off to the shed to get a box to put them in, back, only five babies now. They told me with pride that Duke was a real hunting dog; he had already eaten one of them. No tender hearts here or worries about life and death. We put the little rabbits in to the box and off they started for home, discussing how to divide five pets among three boys. Evidently they had learned some arithmetic. I raced after them with their sneakers, then sat back on the grass thinking of their two big moments living: coming safely through the woods and acquiring new pets. I wondered where the mother rabbit could have been all the time I was weeding. Maybe she had been killed. Came home B.B. and I told my story.

He advised, "You had best go and phone Sandra at once and try to make your peace with her." I so did; she was not too happy but understood. She had already been to Big Jim for advice about how to feed them.

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Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: A tour bus owned by Sunday River Inn and Cross Country Ski Center caught fire and burned on the Sunday River Road. Plans were being developed to bring a "senior college" to the Bethel area.

Stephens Memorial Hospital had applied for state approval of the hospital's first major expansion in 25 years.

Deaths: Reginald Chamberlain, Anita Perry, Timothy W. Downs, Walter P. Yanush, Patricia J. King, Lucienne Legendre, Brian R. Sandell, Eliza Mae Durgin, Ralph L. Burris.

20 years ago: Ice-throwing vandals broke about 20 windows and damaged several outdoor lighting fixtures at Crescent Park School.

Mary Cole's mobile home in Gilead was badly damaged by smoke and heat from after a grease fire broke out in her kitchen.

Births: Kyle Matthew Pita, Ashley Ann Hart, Benjamin Austin Chapman.

Deaths: Alice L. Mundt.

30 years ago: Sunday River Ski Touring Center hosted its first citizens' ski touring race, open to skiers of all ages and abilities.

New solid-state electronic tone generating equipment was installed at the dial office in Andover.

The Maine Medical Association held a three-day conference at the Bethel Inn and Country Club.

Births: Sara Ruby Davis, Brandon Scott Palmer.

Deaths: Woodrow W. MacArthur, Owen M. Curtis, Clarence P. Hutchins, Perley V. DeWitt.

40 years ago: Alton L. Howe of Waterford announced that he would seek nomination as the Democratic candidate for Sheriff of Oxford County in the June primary.

Basil E. Kinney of Belfast was selected to succeed Robert J. Gerardi as superintendent of S AD 44.

Death: Richard E. Blake, Sr.

50 years ago: Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kendall were honored at a surprise housewarming at their new home on Paradise Street.

Mrs. Henry Flint opened the Thrift Shop at her home at the corner of Chapman and Main streets.

It was announced that the Oxford County Fairgrounds was available for the site of the proposed Oxford Hills High School.

Birth: Janet Gail Marston.

Death: Herman E. Billings.

60 years ago: Henry H. Hastings announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for County Attorney for Oxford County.

Floyd and Albert Kimball caught a 3 1/2 foot long otter in one of their beaver traps at Twitchell Brook in Greenwood.

Work was finished on the redecoration of the rooms of the Bethel Savings Bank. Fluorescent lighting was installed in the offices and trustees' room.

Deaths: Mrs. Ellen A. Ellwell, Lewis Chadwick.

70 years ago: Norway Rationing Board was awarded 11 passenger car tires and 24 truck tires. Oxford County received only 63 tires for February.

Deaths: H. Elmer Fiske, Mrs. Hannah E. Edwards.

80 years ago: Paul Thurston announced his candidacy for the Democratic Nomination for Governor.

90 years ago: Ford Coupes with Non-Skid tires sold for \$580. Herrick and Cobb were the local agents.

Death: John P. Laughlin.

100 years ago: Schools closed for a vacation until mid-April.

Joe Knox, teamster on a logging job in Grafton, hauled eight thousand and fifteen feet with four horses a distance of five miles.

Clarence Tyler's house in Mason was destroyed by fire. **110 years ago:** W.A. Bunting transferred from the Bethel GTR station to Groveton, N.H. Fred P. Chandler took his place, coming from Bryant Pond.

Fred Cole sold out his business at Rumford and went to Washington, DC.

Deaths: Mrs. Sarah Mason, John Abbott.

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Newry

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building a shed. He estimated the town would have to pay at least \$150,000, but more likely the cost would be closer to \$250,000.

Because Newry does not own much land, the officials said, a shed would likely have to be located on the same lot as the town office.

An alternative to building a shed, said Powers, would be to share one located at Sunday River.

Powers said Skiway management has expressed a willingness to discuss the idea, and she will contact them for further information.

In either case, town officials said, a bucketloader (or access to one) would also be required, to load the material into trucks.

The board asked Bonney to compile specific information on costs of a building and a new bucketloader, for the next regular board meeting Monday.

Road maintenance bids?

Selectmen also said they expect citizens at town meeting to suggest seeking bids from contractors to maintain Newry roads in the future.

For about 20 years the town has contracted with D.A. Wilson & Co. Powers, who has worked for the town for 14 years, said she did not recall a bid process during that time.

The board said tentatively they will propose raising \$125,000 for maintenance by Wilson again this year, but would seek bids for multiple years thereafter, if townspeople wish.

Selectmen also discussed maintenance costs for the town office. Powers said the carpeting and bathroom flooring are aging, and the sign on the outside of the building needs repainting.

The officials plan to get estimates before making any recommendations. The board also tentatively approved a Fire Department budget up by about \$2,000 from the current one, due mostly to the cost of new members and training.

Selectmen also determined that board Chair Jim Largess will be up for re-election this year.

Briefly

Concert to benefit Sumner family

PARIS—A fundraising concert to benefit the family of Kyraa Locke of Sumner, who died in 2010 of acute pancreatitis, will take place Feb. 16 from 4 to 10 p.m. at the American Legion Hall on Church Street in South Paris (off Main Street, near Market Square). Among the performers are Jordan Kaulback, Black Cat Road, Rusty Wiltjer, Raged Jack and New Horizons. Locke, 17, was in the hospital for five months before she died in October of that year. Her mother, Tammy Craw, spent almost every day at her daughter's side through several surgeries at Central Maine Medical Center. During that time, the family's home was left unattended, resulting in broken pipes, a collapsed roof and mold damage. Craw and her 21-year-old son continue to stay in the home, which is almost unlivable, according to family friends. They are also running out of firewood for heat, and their car is in need of repair. Proceeds from the concert will go toward home repairs. A \$5 donation at the door is requested. A Chinese Auction is also planned, with tickets \$1 each or six for \$5. For more information call 890-3634 or 515-0256.

Play to benefit AES fund

ANDOVER—The play "Love Letters," by A.R. Gurney, will take place Saturday, Feb. 11 at the Andover Town Hall at 7 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Andover Elementary School. Sharon Hutchins and Stephen Sessions play the characters. This is Hutchins' first live theater acting since high school. Sessions has been in many OHMPAA shows in Paris. The play is made possible by Dramatists Play Service. Tickets are on sale in Andover at The Red Hen Diner, the Town Office and also from Hutchins 392-4351 or defund@megalink.net. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for seniors/students. Decadent chocolate goodies will be offered at intermission.

AFD receives \$146,300 grant

ANDOVER—The Andover Fire Department has been awarded a \$146,300 grant for new air packs from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. Andover's share is a 5 percent match, which is about \$7,000. The matching funds are expected to come from the Fire Department budget. "It's going to replace [the packs] we currently have, and it's going to allow us to better work with the River Valley, because we'll be getting the same kind that Rumford has," Chief Rob Dixon said. "So when Rumford comes to Andover, now they can wear our packs, because they're the same." His father, retired Chief Ken Dixon, wrote the grant application. Ken Dixon said the grant will buy 20 to 22 new self-contained breathing apparatuses. He said the department got some new SCBA equipment about 20 years ago that were made by Kearns. Since then, the manufacturers of those apparatuses have gone out of business. Some air bottles had a 20-year life span and are starting to run out, but bottles with the initial 15-year span are already gone. Additionally, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health discontinued certification of the old SCBAs. "So, it basically put us out of business," Ken Dixon said. Without certified air gear, they couldn't enter burning buildings to rescue people or go inside to extinguish fires. Last year, the Department of Homeland Security denied Ken Dixon's first grant-writing attempt to get new SCBAs for Andover. "I think they ran out of money before they got to me," he said. "But this year, I tried again and it's right at the top of the list, so good! Outstanding!" Because if he hadn't got that grant, "we'd have probably been out of business, because there's nobody servicing them and you can't buy spare bottles for them or anything else," Ken Dixon said. "We're starting to run out of bottles, so we'd be standing on the street, because there wouldn't be any interior stuff." Ken Dixon, who retired three years ago, still volunteers and writes grants for the department. Ken Dixon said he thought the Department of Homeland Security wasn't going to OK his second attempt, because he'd also written a simultaneous grant application for a quick attack/brush truck. "The truck got shot down real quick," he said. "We really need it to get into the Surplus areas where they don't have nice paved roads and everything. "We're getting a lot of places set back off the road now, like the Poland Subdivision and some of these other places up in Sawyer Notch and you really don't want to take a \$300,000 truck up," he said. A brush truck, he added, would be good for woods fires and getting to backcountry structure fires.

KBS remaining open this winter

WATERFORD—For the first time in several years, the local KBS Building Systems plant is staying open this winter, retaining about 50 employees. "We're running at capacity," Chief Financial Officer Steve Miller said. Last winter, 25 employees of the Waterford plant were laid off until May. Although many of those workers were put to work at the main plant on Route 26 in Paris, officials said the lack of commercial building work in Maine and overhead costs in the Waterford facility, including a propane heating system that costs \$700 per day to operate, were major factors in that decision. But this year, Miller said commercial projects have rebounded to the point of retaining the Waterford plant's employees throughout the winter along with the 136 employees who work in the main plant. And, he said, a new wood-burning furnace has also replaced the propane system. "It was killing us," Miller said of the "astronomical" costs the propane heating system required in the large, high-ceiling building that frequently has to have its doors opened.

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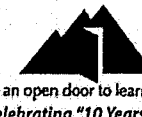
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Paradise

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CIRCA 1900 VIEWS WENT TWO WAYS—Looking from near the site of the present Bethel Fire Station, toward the open fields of Paradise, and beyond to Mt. Abram. (Photo courtesy Bethel Historical Society)

'G.M.A.'

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there won't be much for pictures, but I'll be back."

I went back to the Telemark Inn a little after 6:30 p.m. Steve led me inside and introduced me to the three-man crew from ABC, who were relaxing by the fire.

They were chief cameraman Gary Wynn, producer Cameron Brock, and Cameron Mathison, correspondent for "Good Morning America." Mathison told me he also starred in "All My Children," "Dancing With the Stars," and "Desperate Housewives."

All three men were friendly, easy going and seemed to accept a country boy like me.

Mathison talked about his experiences that day with the dogs at Umbagog. He said he had never been on a snowboard before, especially with a dog pulling, and he wasn't sure about the right way to begin. He took a tumble shortly after starting, landing pretty hard on his shoulder.

This scared Steve, but Mathison said he learned from the fall and did a lot better after that. He also got in some quality time on cross-country skis behind the dogs.

After some more chit chat, they let me to take a photo of

the three of them, before we all headed out back and up the little path to the teepee. I was unfamiliar with Mo-na's camera, and Gary Wynn helped get it set properly. I wasn't quite sure what I was supposed to do as they headed toward the teepee, but Steve beckoned me to accompany them.

A young lady, Jocelyn Bradberry, was in the path holding a sled dog (Harvey) by a towing lead, waiting for the next camera shot.

The teepee was lighted only by a couple of candles, but Steve brought a bucket of live coals, which he placed in a mound in the center of the teepee floor. Then he placed sticks of kindling wood on the mound, making a teepee out of them, but the kindling just kind of smoldered, without bursting into flames.

I suggested we blow on the coals to ignite the sticks, but this was a slow process, so Steve improvised a "blow-pipe" out of an old aluminum ski pole (hollow).

Using this pipe, he was able to "blow up" a pretty nice cheerie fire in short order, smoking up the teepee in the process.

Not to worry. The teepee had an inner lining of material stretching from the floor to about 6 feet above ground level. "As soon as the top of the teepee starts to warm up the cool air will rise up along the inner wall of the teepee and vent the smoke right up and out the smoke hole." And it did.

As the teepee was being warmed by the fire, the camera crew (Gary and Cameron Brock) set up for a shot of Mathison on skis being pulled up to the front of the teepee by Harvey, in the light of an outdoor campfire.

The preparation for this shot took much longer than the shooting, and I couldn't get a photo due to the dark.

Steve and the shooting crew went into the tent, where Mathison planned to spend the night with Harvey. I excused myself due to the late hour and because I was getting cold.

Steve told me they planned to get some more shots of Mathison skiing behind a horse at the alpaca farm on the Flat Road the next day, but I wasn't invited to join them.

I was planning to be log-

Byways

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for road and safety improvements; establish gateways near both ends; make essential improvements to Grafton Notch State Park; provide interpretive signs at special sites; assist landowners; and seek modest improvements to Newry's and Upton's ordinances to support scenic preservation by providing adequate buffers and setbacks from construction.

Current status

Efforts to implement the plan have had mixed results.

With funding provided as part of the plan project, improvements including new signage were made at the park. Local town officials said recently they were not aware of signage placed elsewhere as a result of the committee work.

In addition to signs at the park, funding was also provided to replace guardrails at Mother Walker Falls with granite posts and wooden rails, and expand a parking lot near the Appalachian Trail, according to Brooks Morton, a member of the 2000 committee.

"The committee at the time wanted all of the improvements done in the park, as it would not infringe on private landowners," he said Monday.

Where the byway begins and ends is still the subject of discussion. Its original designation, in 1974, had the stretch beginning about five miles north of Route 2 and reaching about a mile north of the Grafton/Upton line. The plan called for submitting an application to the state to extend it, but Michaud said last week that apparently did not happen.

Regarding corridor management, the original committee continued to function for a time as a CME, according to Morton, but did not meet on a regular basis.

It became dormant in 2003, he said, after the committee turned down a proposal to use grant funds to buy what was known as "the Eddy property" for access to the Bear River and a trail.

The rejection, said Morton, stemmed from concerns that Newry could be burdened with maintenance of a parking lot and toilet facility; the site was located in a floodplain; and the grant had been

'Sublime views'

While the existing homes between the parcel and Paradise will have improved views when the logging is completed, the new sightlines will not be evident to walkers, cyclists and others using the popular road.

Unless, Chadbourne said, "they have a ladder or skyhook."

Paradise Road already provides an abundant inventory of public views, in large part due to the efforts of landowners such as Chadbourne and his brother, Bob.

But those views are far less extensive than was the case in the late 19th Century, according to Randy Bennett, executive director of the Bethel Historical Society.

"Paradise" was named by the Rev. Starr King in the 1850s because of the sublime views from it toward the surrounding mountains (it was 360 degrees from the top) and the picturesque views of Bethel Hill and Mayville villages," Bennett said.

"So open was the view that the artist who sketched the buildings in the 1878 'Bird's Eye View' of Bethel probably situated himself on Paradise to get the streetscape angles correct."

"The three tall steeples in this village — Congregational, Universalist and Methodist (original church, not the present one), plus the Second Congregational Church in Mayville — would have stood out plainly."

ment effort in Maine's non-coastal areas particularly," by collaborating with various groups who may have an interest.

"We're one of the few programs where money comes to the table to organize people to have them collectively think of their own selves and their own vision, and what they want to do," he said. "Nobody else has that kind of funding to be able to create that, and then create a process to go forward, whether it's signs, or marketing, or whatever you want to make that."

Michaud said Byways can be used as "a point of focus for a much larger conversation" about regional economic development and tourism. Promoting the Route 26 byway, he said, "could entice people to come to the region and discover the whole region."

Jackson said that among its activities the new committee will likely review the existing plan, establish new goals, create a capital investment and sustainability plan, and determine a marketing strategy.

Local concerns

At a discussion with Newry selectmen at their regular meeting last week, Morton, noting his experience on the earlier byways committee, expressed concern about the power of local residents to affect new decisions related to the byway.

"What it boils down to," he said, "is 'will people in Newry have any say?'"

Regarding the role of local residents, Jackson said Friday the committee work and use of funds "will go as far as the committee wants to take it. I'm not here to force anyone to do anything. We'll have to figure out how to make it work for everyone."

The first committee meeting is Friday, Feb. 3, at the Newry Town Office, from 10 a.m. to noon. It is open to the public. Michaud is expected to attend.

The new committee members are Morton, David Stearns, Deborah Judkins, Kate Williams, Audrey Brooke, Owen Wight, Doug Webster, Dennis Doyon, Loretta Powers, Michele Bouchard, Robert Pepler, Charlotte Dominique, Robin Zinchuk, Scott Cole and Sylvia Gray.



The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

My husband and I were having a discussion the other day; I guess you could call it a heated debate. Oh, okay, actually it was an argument.

Fortunately, we don't argue often. We occasionally take pot shots at each other or resort to the silent treatment, but actual arguments are a rare occurrence for us.

Most of the time I'll end it by saying, "Fine!" "Whatever!" or "If you say so," and then walk away. There may be a little lingering tension, but that will eventually disappear.

I didn't yield quite so quickly the other day because of a certain look I saw in Henry's eyes. It was that look that I realized that he realized that he was wrong. It was a beautiful moment.

It was a moment that I like to think, that if it were me, I would just admit I was wrong and apologize. But for Henry it was a moment of shifting gears and changing tactics. I even had a clue where this was going.

"You always have to have it your way!" This statement had no relevance to the argument at hand. "Like that time I told you to slow down and you said you weren't going that fast and you ended up with a speeding ticket." Henry was trying to save face without admitting that he was wrong by bringing up

some time when he was right. He had to go pretty far back for that little nugget.

Once things disintegrated to this point I just threw my hands up in the air and said, "Fine!" "Whatever." "If you say so," and walked away.

Even though I was right regarding the original argument and Henry knew it, there was no point in continuing because Henry is, after all, a man.

For men, their egos get so wrapped up into being right that they'll cling to those rare occasions like precious heirlooms.

I think it's an unnatural act for a man to admit he's wrong....ever! Better to recall some ancient argument when he was right then to accept that in this case he is wrong.

For women it's so different. When we are wrong (rarely) we'll just admit it, apologize if necessary and move on. After all, there will be something we're right about coming along pretty darn soon. No big deal!

For men, their egos get so wrapped up into being right that they'll cling to those rare occasions like precious heirlooms.

The same day that Henry and I had the argument; the one where I was right and he was wrong, I read an article that gave me a little insight into the male thought process.

The article was actually a sports story about equipment and said that in 1874 a man invented the protective jock cup to protect the family jewels while playing hockey. A very good idea and much appreciated I'm sure.

The same article went on to say that it wasn't until 1972 when a man perfected a shock-absorbing helmet to protect the brain while playing hockey.

The writer of the article, a man, was quite serious in his history of sports equipment and failed to see the correlation of what men thought was the most important thing to protect or perhaps where their brains are located. This, however, was not lost on me.

I decided then that the next time Henry and I have an argument when I'm right and he's wrong, which is bound to happen, I'll just say "Fine!" "Whatever!" and if you say so, and walk away.

I'll also give him a protective cup so, the way I see it, he'll be able to protect his ego and his brain at the same time.

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By NANCY BROWN



February is American Heart Month. Daniel E. van Buren, M.D., Board Certified Cardiologist, will present "Caring for Your Heart" on Thursday, Feb. 9, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church, 32 Church Street in Bethel. Dr. van Buren will discuss heart disease, symptoms, prevention, treatment op-

tions, and new developments in heart care.

The program is sponsored by To Your Health of Western Mountains Senior College with the collaboration of Bethel Family Health Center and SAD 44 Continuing Education. The public is invited and admission is free.

Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call Rosabelle Tift at 824-2053. The snow date is Feb. 16.

The District Exchange has just received a donation of evening gowns and prom gowns. These were given to the Exchange by Sue Ball, originally

from Sumner, Maine, and now living in New Jersey.

The gowns belonged to her and friends in New Jersey, who wanted to donate them. Prices are \$5 for short ones and \$10 for long ones. Stop by the Exchange soon to get one of these gorgeous gowns. They are perfect for proms or Oscar-night celebrations.

The District Exchange is located at 23 Mason Street (Bethel Park Apartments). The regular hours are Monday from 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 to 12 noon.

The annual Valentine's Day Tea will be held at the Bethel United Methodist Church at 79 Main Street in Bethel, on Tuesday, Feb. 14, from 1 to 3 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

My apologies to anyone who tried to e-mail me last week and had their e-mail bounce back.

My e-mail address appears at the end of this column. However, for the past two weeks, the e-mail address was broken onto two lines and a hyphen was erroneously inserted. There is no hyphen in the address.

If you have news you'd like to share, please call me at 824-2483 or e-mail nancybrown1150@yahoo.com.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



January has gone by and Groundhog's Day is upon us. We had some decent weather this past weekend.

Not nice enough to drink coffee in the swing though!

I did notice a Purple Finch at the bird feeder last Sunday. He was competing with the six gray squirrels to get something to eat. There was a little chipmunk on the porch one day last week also. He evidently figured that it was warm enough to come out and see what was happening at the feeder.

My brother, Steve McLain, stopped by the house last Saturday to visit. We gave him a couple of large bags of returnable bottles to take to the maintenance garage. They collect the bottles and use the funds for a scholarship that is awarded at graduation.

Lise McLain was the winner of the door prize at last month's Senior Citizen dinner.

Mary Tyler was at the house last Sunday. We discussed some paperwork that we received for the Gilead Historical Society. She said that on Saturday she spent the day in

Dalton, N.H. This was an all-day area meeting for committee members and officers of the State Grange.

Planning Board
There will be a meeting of the PB on Thursday, Feb. 2 (tonight) at the Town Office at 7 p.m.

Got news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.

EVENING GOWNS DONATED TO DISTRICT EXCHANGE

The glamour fashions of New Jersey and New York have arrived at the District Exchange. This week, Sue Ball of New Jersey, who also owns a home in Bethel, donated a number of evening gowns, prom gowns, and even a few mother-of-the-bride formal dresses to the District Exchange. Ball, originally from Sumner and a lifelong friend of Exchange officer Maryvonne Wheeler, wanted to do something to help the Bethel Area District Exchange and Food Pantry. Donating the gowns is her way to help to raise money for the Food Pantry, which the District Exchange clothing sales support. Some of the gowns were hers, but many were given to her by friends she asked to help her. The gowns are a variety of styles, sizes, and colors and range from the slinky little black dress to the long sophisticated gown to a few more sedate styles for the mature woman. Here, Ball displays two of the numerous evening gowns and prom dresses she brought from New Jersey to donate to the District Exchange. All are available for sale at \$5 and \$10 each. Short gowns are \$5 each and long gowns are \$10 each. There is a limit of one gown per family. The District Exchange is located at 23 Mason St., Bethel, and is open Monday 1-4, Thursday 4-6, and Saturday 10-12. (Submitted photo)



East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



It is hard to believe that by the time you read this it will be Feb. 2 already! Out and about one can hear a lot of grumbling about the

OCSD Bethel Patrol Log

Tuesday, Jan. 24

At 4:14 p.m. Deputy Mike Halacy responded to the Mayville Road for a report of a vehicle fire.

At 10:53 p.m. a caller reported a GPS unit stolen on the West Bethel Road. Deputy Dennis Ryder was assigned.

Wednesday, Jan. 25

At 3:56 p.m. Sgt. Tim Holland, Lt. Tom Harriman and Deputy George Cayer responded to the East Bethel Road for a report of a subject out of control. The subject was later given medical assistance.

Thursday, Jan. 26

At 10:22 a.m. a caller on Paradise Road reported an open door at the front of a residence. Deputy Dennis Ryder checked and secured the residence.

Friday, Jan. 27

At 2:25 p.m. Deputy Dennis Ryder responded to Route 5 for a vehicle stuck in the snowbank. The vehicle had just missed a telephone pole by two inches.

At 10:42 p.m. a caller reported vehicles off the road on the Walkers Mills Road. Deputy Sullivan Rizzo responded.

Saturday, Jan. 28

At 4:04 p.m. Deputies Sullivan Rizzo and George Cayer responded to Vernon Street for a domestic dispute. There was no assault and no crime.

At 6:20 p.m. Deputy Sullivan Rizzo responded to Route 26/Chandler Hill Road for a minor property damage accident.

At 9:26 p.m. a caller reported her car was broken into while at a business on the Sunday River Road. The side window was broken and some personal property taken. Deputy Sullivan Rizzo responded.

Sunday, Jan. 29

At 2:49 p.m. Deputy Mike Halacy responded to Mason Street for a two-vehicle accident. A subject complained of neck pain.

At 8:24 p.m. Deputy Dave Hodgson and Cpl. Justin Brown responded to Mason Street for a report of a domestic dispute. There was no assault or crime.

Monday, Jan. 30

At 3:51 a.m. Sgt. Tim Holland responded to the Mayville Road for a welfare check. The subject was located.

Oxford County Jail:

Jan. 23, 3 p.m.: Gideon S. Dorman, 41, of Bethel, disorderly conduct, failure to submit to arrest; by Cpl. Chancey Libby in Bethel.

Jan. 28, 4:15 p.m.: Michael E. Bryer Jr., 42, of Bethel, disorderly conduct; by Cpl. Brian Landis in Woodstock.

Jan. 28, 3:15 p.m.: Benjamin M. Taylor, 24, of Bryant Pond, disorderly conduct; by Deputy Josh Wyman in Woodstock.

Jan. 30, 2:26 a.m.: Justin J. Merchant, 23, of Bryant Pond, domestic assault; by Trooper Tom Welch on Route 232.

Jan. 30, 7:50 p.m.: Joshua W. Appleby, 27, of Woodstock, theft, violation of bail conditions; by Trooper Tom Welch in Woodstock.

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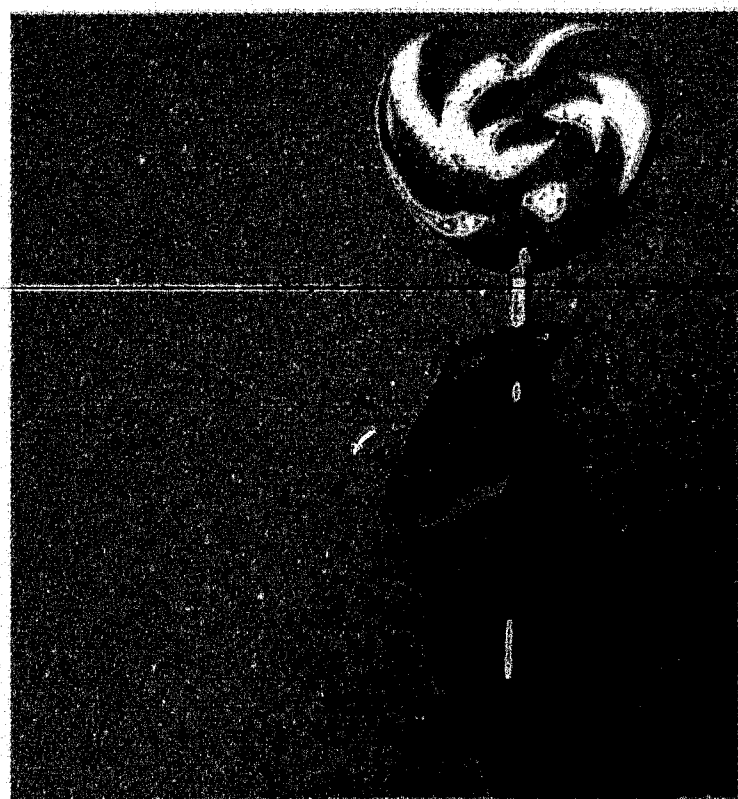
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weather. The biggest complaint being that instead of just snow, the freezing rain coming along with it.

Just think, in a little over a month and a half will be the first day of Spring!

I do again have more happy news this week. On Jan. 29 at 4:13 p.m. Paige and Jarrod Crockett welcomed their son, Theodore Dexter Crockett, weighing 7 pounds and 18 3/4 inches long. Naturally, Grampa Butch and Memeir Anne are very happy and excited. Paige's mom, Marcey is here from Arizona to share the happy event also. Congratulations to the proud parents and the family!

Tonya Hebert Lewis celebrated her first birthday as a new mom on Jan. 31. Belated Happy Birthday from the neighborhood.

I also have some news from the Western Mountain Senior College: "Caring for Your Heart," a special program for American Heart Month, will be presented by Daniel E. van Buren, M.D., Board Certified Cardiologist, on Thursday, Feb. 9 (snow date Feb. 16) at the Bethel Congregational Church, 32 Church Street, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Dr. van Buren will discuss heart disease, prevention, symptoms, treatment options and new developments. The public is invited and admission is free. Light refreshments. For more information, call R. Tiff at 824-2053.

Remember to call me at 824-3220 or e-mail han@megalink.net with your news, answers to the Trivia or anything you want to share. Have a great week.

Hanover

By CLEM WORCESTER



Another week has gone by and so has another month. Snow, sleet and freezing rain kind of ruled the last few weeks. It is mostly a quiet time. A lot of folks don't like to ven-

ture out on the icy, hillside driveways. Sometimes, if you go down over the hill there is a good chance of not getting back up. But the fuel trucks seem to make it up the hills with their valuable loads of oil or propane for delivery, and it is such an easy way to quickly empty your wallet.

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Andover

By JANE RICH



The sub-committees will give their reports on staying in SAD 44, joining RSU10, going on our own. They will also help us to understand charter schools.

On Saturday evening, Feb. 11, there will be a fundraiser for the committee a play entitled "Love Letters." There will be an all chocolate, decadent feast at intermission. Tickets are \$8 for adults, students and seniors are \$5. All proceeds go to the Save Our School project to defray the tax increase due to keeping our school open for this year. Bring your sweet-heart and celebrate Valentine's Day.

The Knights of Pythias held an installation on Monday evening preceded by a potluck at the Town Hall.

The Town Budget Committee has finished its work for the 2012 budgetary process. I hope to have figures for you

next week. An ordinance will be presented at annual Town Meeting regarding the prevention of the sale and use of fireworks within the community.

Volleyball at the Andover Elementary School has been changed. The group now meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8 p.m.

If you're interested in dining at our local restaurant, The Little Red Hen, you can find out about the menu and daily specials via e-mail at littleredhen04216@yahoo.com.

Churches play a big part in any community and over the years Andover has had a number of churches. Our library, for instance, was once the Universalist Church. This week and next I will profile our two existing churches.

The Calvary Bible Church was founded in October of 1964 and first worshiped at the East Andover School House. When property was donated by David Smith, Sr. on Route 5, the congregation built the present structure. The groundbreaking ceremony took place on May 25, 1969 when the church was known as the Calvary Congregational Church. The present name was adopted in 2002. Several pastors have led the congregation, including Rev. Nathaniel Pearson, Mr. Lester A. Strout who was ordained at the church on Oct. 5, 1973, Rev. Donald Grover, Rev. Leon Strout, Rev. Duane Waite, Rev. John O'Keefe and the present pastor is Ken Wagstaff. In addition to Sunday services programs include a Ladies Bible Study, Sunday School, Senior and Junior Youth groups and Vacation Bible School. For more information about any of these events at the church you may call Pastor Wagstaff at 392-1121.

Albany

By CATHY BENNETT



A very few of my neighbors have news to share these days. Well, I seem to manage to have some excitement in my life now and then.

This weekend was a sleepover with my granddaughter, Isabella Bennett, at Nana's house. She and her American Girl dolls arrived in style on Saturday and we enjoyed hours of coloring, puzzles, watching T.V. and of course eating. Sunday morning we joined Doug and Jen at Melbys for breakfast and were joined by Fred Enman as he enjoyed a cup of tea. Always nice to visit with old friends.

Speaking of old friends, I went into Market Square Restaurant on Thursday night for a bite to eat and met up with my dear friends Peter and Linda Kuzyk. We had a great visit.

Margaret and Franklin Barton went to a family gathering in Brownfield one day last week. They also joined Jeff and Sue Barton for dinner in North Norway Saturday evening.

I was talking with Karla Antell at school one day last week and she told me that she and her dog had gone on a walk up the Crocker Pond Road last weekend. Suddenly the dog started to bark and look into the woods. There was a fairly good sized bear scurrying up a knoll. Luckily he was headed in the other direction. I guess he thought spring had come! Karla and the dog turned around and headed home.

Remember to support your local sports team. Basketball

games, ski meets and soon it will be time for baseball. Suddenly I realize February is right around the corner. Have a great week everyone! Remember, it is the little things in life that count.

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



Carol and Charlie will host a sliding party Friday, Feb. 17, starting at 4:30 p.m. If ice conditions allow, a skating area will be available. Please plan to come and enjoy the bonfire and the camaraderie.

The Upton Ladies Aid Association is planning a pizza party for Saturday, Feb. 18, 5 until 8 p.m.

My son, Neil, my son-in-law, Eric, and I made the trek to Blue Hill, Maine, (not quite 400 miles round trip), Saturday to purchase and bring back another T340 bulldozer

to use for parts. It is in pretty good shape considering that it is 50-plus years old. Now, I am not sure which machine will be for parts and which will be the one I will try to resurrect.

The snowmachine trails saw a lot of use this past weekend. We could hear the sleds and see their lights until close to midnight as they went along the trail across the valley. The trails that I rode late Sunday afternoon were as good as should be expected after a high traffic weekend.

My sister, Kathy, reminded me that our mother always referred to her Upton Column as her items. I believe she had to get her "items" in the mail no later than Friday so they would be in Bethel in time to be in the next week's paper. The creation and use of e-mail certainly shortens that time frame.

Mr. Harvey Small pointed out to me that his mailbox is now set up. He did not admit to becoming a resident of Upton. Perhaps he is waiting to

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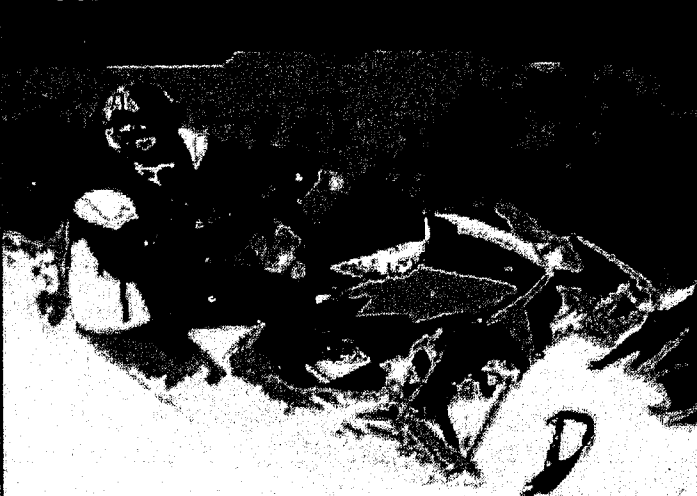


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The Veteran's Monument Names Committee (VMNC) and the Bethel Citizen are currently publishing the names of Veterans from the Civil War and who went in from the towns of Albany, Bethel, Grafton or Mason in 2 parts. Based on the information we have acquired to date through the Maine Archives, the Mundt Allen Post #81 and other sources, the following veterans should be included on the Veteran's Honor Roll for the Town. All names have been cross checked to their headstone for the correct spelling of the name. The VMNC would like citizens to look at these names and let us know if there should be any additions or deletions or information we should know added to this list, and if so, the documentation of information that would back up this request. Other wars will be published in upcoming issues. Listed below are names and the cemetery of burial.

Part 2: American Civil War April 12, 1861 - April 9, 1865

Gen. Gideon A. Hastings, Woodland; Henry E. Hastings, Mid Intervale; Sgt. John D. Hastings, Capen Hill; Daniel E. Hatt, Woodland; C.S. Heath, Flat Rd.; Stephen Henry, Hunts corner; Stillman Hersey, Mt. Will; Austin W. Hobart, Songo; Edwin Holmes, Mid Intervale; Daniel Holt, Woodland; James P. Holt, Mid Intervale; Capt. Thomas S. Hutchins, Woodland; Almon H. Hutchinson, Riverside; Marshall H. Inman, Woodland; Albert O. Jordan, Hunts Crnr; Winthrop Jordan, E. Bethel; Henry K. Judkins, Pine Grove; Charles C. Kimball, Songo; Moses F. Kimball, E. Bethel; Stephen D. Knight, So. Bethel; Sgt. James S. Lane, Grover Hill; Roscoe G. Lane, Riverside; Joseph B. Lewis, Flat Rd.; Reuben Libby, Songo; Addison Lovejoy, Hunts Crnr; Jacob H. Lovejoy, Hunts Crnr; John Marshall, Hunts Crnr; H.G. Mason, Pine Grove; John Mason, Grover Hill; Nathan Mason, Pine Grove; Sylvester Mason, Flat Rd.; Thomas Mayberry, Woodland; James Mayconnell, E. Bethel; Robert McConnell, E. Bethel; Edmund Merrill, Riverside; Samuel H. Merrill, Riverside; Collins F. Morgan, Woodland; Stephen D. Morgan, E. Bethel; Bennett Morse, Mt. Will; Cyrus Morse, York; Stevens E. Morse, Grafton; John A. Morton, Woodland; Frank E. Needham, So. Bethel; Joseph L. Oliver, Mid Intervale; George A. Otis, Grafton; Rufus K. Peare, E. Bethel; Nathan N. Penley, Riverside; Reuben H. Penley, Riverside; Asa B. Pingree, Songo; Lewis Powers, E. Bethel; Elisha T. Preble, So. Bethel; Charles M. Pressey, So. Bethel; Charles H. Putnam, Mason; Frank N. Putnam, Mason; William Reed, Mid Intervale; Albert B. Richardson, Riverside; Auelins A. Robertson, So. Bethel; Stephen S. Robertson, So. Bethel; W.B. Robertson, Grover Hill; Major O'Neil W. Robinson Jr., Woodland; Dwight C. Rose, Woodland; Ceylon Russell, Mt. Will; Jerome O. Sanborn, Grover Hill; Simeon W. Sanborn, Mid Intervale; Ebenezer H. Scribner, Pine Grove; A.E. Seavey, Grover Hill; Seth E. Seavey, Grover Hill; W.B. Seavey, Grover Hill; Lewis A. Shaw, Pine Grove; Joseph N. Skillings, Riverside; Osmyn Smith, So. Bethel; Charles J. Stearns, Mid Intervale; Edwin Stearns, Riverside; Samuel F. Stearns, Riverside; Asa V. Stowell, Riverside; Marcus Swan, Riverside; Newton Swift, Woodland; Samuel Town, Hunts Crnr; Alfred M. True, Woodland; Charles E. Twitchell, Woodland; Charles J. Twitchell, Flat Rd.; William F. Twitchell, Riverside; William L. Twitchell, Woodland; 5 Unknowns, Grover Hill; 2 Unknowns, Mid Intervale; 1 Unknown, Pine Grove; 3 Unknown, York; Gilbert Wadwell, Hunts Crnr; Caleb E. Walker, Pine Grove; Major O'Neil W. Watson Jr., Woodland; Samuel S. Whitney, Riverside; Seth Wight, Pine Grove; Benjamin Wilbur, York; Oscar D. Wilbur, York; William H. Wiley, Riverside; Hiram H. Wilson, Riverside; Corp. J.B. Winslow, Grafton; Capt. Elisha Winter, Woodland; Lt. Harrison B. Winter, Woodland; Amos Wormell, Grover Hill; Nathan M. York, York; and Williby R. York, So. Bethel.

Readers who have further information are asked to contact a member of the committee by Feb. 17. Mail or e-mail changes to: Jane Ryerson, P.O. Box 152, Bethel, ME 04217, carjar95@megalink.net, or call 207-357-2772; or to Ramona Grover, 183 Kings Highway, Mason Township, ME 04217, rlgx2@megalink.net, or call 207-836-2802.

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Mason

By RICHARD GROVER



The receiver systems installed in the F-100 Wild Weasels became known as "Radar Homing and Warning," or RHAW. Jack Donovan and his pilot Alan Lamb completed a brief training session in their new mission at Nellis AFB. They were joined by four other Wild Weasel crews and 4 F-100F aircraft and deployed to Korat AB, Thailand on Thanksgiving Day, 1975.

As nobody had battled SAMs before, there were no prescribed tactics to guide the Weasels. They knew the SAMs had a range of about 15 to 20 miles and the missiles were guided by a dual target tracking radar system whose radar pulses sounded like a rattlesnake rattle coming through the RHAW systems. They also knew that the SAMs were not very effective at low altitudes, especially if there were mountains or hills that could shield them from the SAM radars and missiles. Therefore, they would use their RHAW systems to warn themselves and other aircraft of the presence of one or more active SAM sites, then turn toward the signals, home in on them and attempt to locate the sites, often camouflaged.

Initially, the Weasels struggled unsuccessfully to kill a SAM site. One Weasel Aircraft and crew were shot down and lost without a successful mission. Then, Dec. 22, 1965, Donovan and Lamb picked up a SAM signal in the Red River delta area, not too far from Hanoi, NVN. Lamb says, "I kept the SAM signal between the 10 o'clock and 11 o'clock position so it wouldn't be too obvious that I was headed for the site." The signal kept getting stronger and Donovan said, "We kept hopping over ridges until there weren't any more ridges, the SAM radar signal reached the outer edge of the scope, and I just inhaled and said, 'Aah!' Lamb said, "We were coming down the delta, and I kept looking until I finally spotted the radar van. I just started strafing, even though we were out of range, but I walked the bullets right up to the van, and the radar signal went off the air! I popped up, rolled inverted and fired our rockets into the site, to mark it for our 'killer Thuds.' The 4-ship F-105 formation rolled in and dive bombed the missile site with 750-pound bombs, putting it out of com-

mission. When they got back to Korat, the F-100 crew led the F-105s in a "V" formation (for victory) in a low pass over the control tower. The whole base knew what that meant, and a big party was on!

The F-100 Weasels continued leading flights of 4 Thuds in a hunter-killer roll, but they then assumed an additional roll of escorting entire strike forces of usually 16 or 20 F-105s on bombing missions. The F-100s would precede the strike force and alert them to the presence of threatening SAM radar signals, give the directions to active SAM sites and also call out, "SAM launch at the 1 o'clock position, (or whatever direction)! Take it down!" The favored SAM evasive maneuver was to turn toward the missile and place it in the 10 to 11 o'clock or the 1 to 2 o'clock position off the nose, put the aircraft into a 45-degree dive and wait until the missile got close, and then pull a 6 or 7 g pull-up while turning toward the missile. If you timed the maneuver correctly, the missile would zip harmlessly underneath the aircraft.

It soon became apparent that the F-100 aircraft was not really compatible with the F-105s it was escorting. The Thuds could cruise at over 600 knots airspeed without using afterburner, and leave the "Huns" behind. The Air Force began converting 2 seat F-105Fs to the Wild Weasel role.

By late spring, 1966, of the 7 F-100 Wild Weasel aircraft deployed, five had been shot down! Surviving F-100 crews returned to Nellis AFB to train F-105 crews.

Greenwood City

By MINDY SWEETSER



Happy Groundhog Day everyone; hard to believe January has come and gone and for the most part been a mild start to a new year. Legend has it that if the famous groundhog named "Punctuality Phil" emerges from his burrow in Pennsylvania on Feb. 2 and sees his shadow winter weather will continue for six more weeks across the U.S. However if he does not see his shadow then spring temps are just around the corner. I think this year he is playing whack-a-mole and he keeps popping up out of his burrow predicting spring then winter then spring over and over again! As that's been the trend. Last year Phil didn't see his shadow.

As I'm typing my column for this week there is a winter weather advisory warning for our area and the forecast for the next few days are unsettled conditions. The new fallen snow has paved a carbon copy detailing who's been there, where they're going,

and what they're doing at approximately what time. Soon smaller animal trails cross up with other larger animal paths making traveling through the snow more easier to survive. More snowflakes are dancing in the sky shuffling their way to the earth's floor covering up old tracks leaving a fresh new page to the story. The shovel becomes a helping hand when removing the accumulation built up within our way. Snow plows maneuver their way among the human trails cutting a path for others to travel to their destination easier. Delays and cancellations are carefully decided by higher authority to assure safe traveling. The birds on the top of the tree canopy reach the warning of a storm approaching. Work must press on as life continues, whether the weather be good or whether the weather be bad. Survival is a way of all walks of life.

Let's take a glance at my past week. The twins had their first basketball game last Wednesday against CPS and the Woodstock Wolves won! Way to go kids! Sheyene contributed to the score by making a two-point shot.

The kids and I keep our eyes on the night sky as the northern lights shined a marvelous glare.

We butchered a steer on Sunday filling the gaps that were appearing in the freezer. When we butcher our farm-raised animal everyone in the family takes part in the process, from cutting, grinding and packaging it's all teamwork and when it's prepared on the table to eat we all come to respect the life that was sacrificed for the meal and we can all rest assured knowing how the meat was raised and know that it tastes good because it was properly handled. It's a lot of work from beginning to end but well worth the effort.

Saturday, we ventured out to visit a really nice horse

stable to view some beautiful Clydesdales for my grandfather, as he still longs to find a nice work horse. I exchanged our Billy goat for a new Billy goat to throw in a new gene pool into the herd. He quickly knew what his job was as soon as we introduced him to the does.

Silvian got two new ducks to add to our collections. They're a neat breed rare in this area for they originate from Florida. The turkeys are making a usual appearance now along with a few deer and a couple of plump gray squirrels all making the birdseed a daily snack. A sly fox made his appearance early evening last week thinking he was going to snatch a duck for snack, but for now he was unsuccessful.

I made 28 pounds of fresh butter, which was once again spoken for even before I made it. We are still awaiting the cows to freshen as our calculations were a bit off. The boys are hoping for a nice pair of steer calves, but I'm in hopes for heifers to add more milkers one day.

This weekend we are celebrating my twins' birthday; they will turn 10, such a big milestone. Raising twin boys successfully for a decade is a great achievement. I can only imagine the adventures we will endure the next 10 years!

My thought for the week is: If you seek happiness for a year plant a garden. If you want happiness for a lifetime plant a tree.

So. Woodstock

By LOLALEE DILLINGHAM



Good afternoon dear readers. It's a snowy day with freezing rain and 32 degrees temperature.

We spent yesterday afternoon with friends George and

Brenda DeWitt in Auburn. Brenda invited us to join them for supper. She made a delicious Chinese pie and served up a great tossed salad to go with it. After supper, Brenda served coffee to go with the donuts we took to share with them. It was a great afternoon and evening spent chatting about George's cancer recovery music and events we like to chat about.

As some of you remember George had a cancerous lung removed last May. He went through his radiation treatments and his Chemo treatments and is now Cancer Free. Many thanks to all of you who prayed for him and his family during his operation and recovery. George is the rhythm player for our band, and it's great to know he will be back with us as a group very soon.

We will be joining friends Forrest and Gladys in Auburn later this evening for supper.

Belated Anniversary wishes to Merle and Debbie Jack. Here is wishing them another 39 years of happiness.

We truly enjoyed our first visit last week entertaining the residents at the Norway Rehab and Living Center. It was truly an honor to meet those who came out to hear our music. Cack Bean was there to visit a friend so we asked him to join us for a song and to play with Dell Parker, we also enjoyed having Lewis Newcomb set in with us on his banjo.

Ran into our dear friend Bill Giasson at the doctor's office last Friday. He was on his way out as I was registering at the front desk.

The first nuthatch appeared at the feeder last week. I keep

my camera handy just in case a cardinal or two drop by for a visit, waiting also for the downy woodpecker to appear at the feeders.

Enjoyed an evening with friends from Gardiner and Durham at the dance last week in Paris.

Birthday wishes to those celebrating in February, Keith Hadley, Ginny Luneau, Melody Hadley, Zachery Wilday, and James Mason III.

Celebrating anniversaries in February are, Glendon and Martha Hadley, Elwood and Barbara Yeaton, Yogi and Lolalee Dillingham.

Thanks Leon, for scooping out the end of the driveway after the town truck filled it in.

That's all from the valley this week. Stay healthy and happy.

Locke's Mills

By BETSEY FOSTER



Good news for the children of Greenwood. Children ages 5-18 can ski free on Sundays at

Mt. Abram beginning Feb. 13 and running through March 27. February is when our best skiing is so be sure to take advantage of this opportunity. If the free skiing is not enough, Mt. Abram is also offering free equipment rentals and lessons along with this. To participate, you need to go to the Greenwood Town Office to sign up. They will verify that you are a Greenwood resident, have you sign a waiver, and make arrangements for rentals

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and lessons. They will then inform Mt. Abram of the child's name(s). Get those kids outside and having fun courtesy of Mt. Abram.

It's often amusing what our various bureaucracies come up with. The State Planning Office gets the most recent booby prize. Last week the Oxford County municipal officers met in Woodstock to hear a presentation by a representative of the State Planning Office.

He was trying to sell the idea of Oxford County buying (with your tax dollars) a full set of aerial photos of our county.

This might have sounded within reason 20 years ago but we now have GOOGLE EARTH. I can go online to this site and see satellite pictures of my house and zoom in to the pine trees surrounding it.

And I can do it for free! So can anyone else. Why pay \$40,000, which is what the State Planning Office charges per county, for pictures? Only two Maine counties have bought the maps so far; Cumberland and York. The Planning Office representative said the aerial photos have better resolution than GOOGLE EARTH.

Pam and Jerry Nelson of Greenwood won the generator that was raffled by the Greenwood Fire Department.

The money raised from the sale of the raffle tickets goes into a fund to help local people who get burned out and to fellow firefighters in need when they are hurt or injured.

A number of people are taking advantage of good winter hiking and snowshoeing on the variety of trails at Maggie's Nature Park.

Usually the snow on the trails is packed down enough so that you do not need snowshoes, and trails are a mix of gradual climbs to the top and meanders through the woods.

For those of you who do not know, Maggie Ring sold this land at a very reduced price to the Town of Greenwood in the late 1990s. She wanted to save it from development and provide a place for foot-powered recreation. Blaine Mills and Butch Fuller of Greenwood built a good assortment of trails that wind over the land and hills. It is a great place for anyone who wants to enjoy the outdoors be they adults, kids, or dogs. It is a mile or so down the Greenwood Road, there is a maintained parking area, and trails are well marked. Another good place to get outside and play.

Several robins are hanging around and eating winter berries as well as crab apples. The bald eagle took a fly over during last week's snow/sleet storm. I suppose it was looking for open water and fish, but I wish it would think about including some red squirrel meat in its diet.

You can send news to me at 3taichif@gmail.com

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



January ended as it began with changing weather. It is still warmer than usual on most days, but we have managed a changing venue of warm and sunny; cold, windy and snowing; rain, freezing rain and snow; then sunny again.

It really mimics the old saying, if you don't like the weather, wait a minute and it will change. Change it has. It is the ice that I hate, as I stated last week.

Even today (Monday) when almost all the roads were clear, ours was solid ice. The Waterford Shuffle comes back to me, again. No walks this week.

We have been fortunate in that Steve Brown has sanded the road and Danny has sanded our driveway.

Nothing greater than coming home after a hard day of work to find the driveway is sanded and our work is done for the day.

I will say that last Saturday was a busy one. We got to work an hour early so we could handle last-minute clean-up from the storms. In the end, David had to plow all day to get up what the storms had left and the town crew didn't have time to do. They do a great job and had sanded before we arrived, but there was more to do that they didn't have time or the right equipment for. Since David was plowing, I was in charge of everything else. I was some tired by the end of that day.

I must say that our trip this winter is better with the improvements on Hunt's Corner Road. That is once we left Waterford.

Sorry guys, but we do need more sand at this end of the road. I know it is not as important as Route 37/Route 35, but there is more traffic on it now and more chances for problems.

Not to toot my own horn, but today is my birthday. David has been coached to sing a certain Beatles song to me. I'll see if he remembers.

Feb. 10 is granddaughter Shana's birthday. Happy Birthday Shana.

Feb. 2, ACA meets at Waterford Library at 10 a.m. FMI and in case of inclement weather please call 739-9115.

Monday, Feb. 6, 2 to 4 p.m. the Knitting Group meets at the Waterford Library. All knitters are welcome, new and experienced.

At 6:30 Socrates Café meets at the library. Call 583-2050 for more information.

Off to prepare for the next storm. Hoping Tuesday is OK and I can go to Tai Chi, if not, there is always next week. I have two other appointments, so I hope for good weather. Have a great week. Remember that Feb. 2 is midwinter and we're halfway through our way to spring.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Franklin Grange 124 met at the home of Alice Hoyt on Saturday, Jan. 21. It was reported that Laura Hutchins and Richard Felt presented the dictionaries to the third grade at Woodstock Elementary School. It was voted to put on the Senior Citizens dinner in July and to hold a mock Hee Haw show the first Saturday in May. There was more discussion on the repairs to the Hall. Dinner was held. Next meeting is on the first Saturday in February.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet today, Feb. 2, at the Town Conference Room with a potluck dinner. The program is Neil Olson, talking about his trapping and fur business. The program starts at 11 a.m. Please bring a dish to share and your own place setting for the potluck dinner.

T.O.P.S. If you need support to lose that holiday weight, join T.O.P.S. For the months of January and February the membership is half-price, \$13. The meetings are Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Alliance Church across from Telstar High School.

The Whitman Memorial Library will hold their February program on Thursday, Feb. 9. Dr. Fred Jordan will be presenting a somewhat whimsical look at forensic pathology over the years. He will also talk about the Maine medical examiners system then and now, mass disaster planning and a few interesting studies including one about a Maine boy who moved West. Dr. Jordan worked for many years in Oklahoma, but he had a Bryant Pond connection. His godparents were Howard and Sylvia Judkins and he fondly remembers spending many weeks with them as a boy. This will be an interesting afternoon. Public is invited, no charge and light refreshments will be served.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15, morning worship at 10:30, evening service at 6, Wednesday evening at 6:30 is prayer meeting.

The Woodstock Historical Society has hundreds of local artifacts throughout its displays. It also features art, furniture, glass, china, quilts, costumes, tools, posters, photos and books. It also has many cultural exhibits. Years ago, particularly in music, Bryant Pond was a culturally rich town, from the Summer Music Camp to several famous performers like Gil Whitman's father. There was a local orchestra organized by the Bacon family and a cornet band.

Curator Larry Billings has known such diverse people as Billy Currington, Rob Lowe and Barbara Walters. They were very nice to him and Miss Walters is one of his favorite celebrities.

Oxford County Democrats

The Oxford County Democrats will join the rest of the State of Maine in holding municipal caucus meetings on Sunday, Feb. 26, to kick off the 2012 campaign season. There will be two major regional events for the River Valley towns at Mt. Valley High School and for the Beth-

el area at Telstar High School, as well as many meetings set in individual towns or in smaller groupings. According to County Democratic Chair Cathy Newell of Greenwood, a complete list of caucus convenors, locations and times will be available in early February and an official caucus notification will be published in local papers.

Maine Democratic Party Chair Ben Grant announced that the caucuses are the front lines of grassroots politics. Attendees indicate presidential preference, select delegates to the Democratic State Convention in June, elect Municipal Officers and County Committee members, and discuss national and local policy issues affecting all Maine people. Democratic candidates, elected officials and representatives from Democratic campaigns will attend and there will be an opportunity to sign nominating petitions and talk about important issues. "If we are going to move Maine forward and work to put money in the pockets of working and middle-class families, we must reclaim our state and nation from the irresponsible policies of the right wing. We need Democrats in every town to gather and talk about where the Democratic Party is heading and what you want the Party to focus on over the next year. It is essential that Democrats in Oxford County be part of this process," continued Grant. "We must all be part of the answer." People not currently registered in a political party, who would like to enroll as a Democrat may do so during the month of February prior to the caucus at their town office or at the caucus location on Feb. 26. Absentee ballot forms are available for download at www.mainedems.org/caucus/ and must be turned in by the close of business on Feb. 22. For information about the Oxford County Democrats, visit www.oxforddems.org, or on Facebook look for Oxford County ME Democrats.

Bethel Historical Society discussion group

During the past year, the Bethel Historical Society has sponsored a monthly History Discussion Group which meets at the Robinson House facility (10 Broad Street, next to the Bethel Library).

So far, topics in American history from the colonial period to the 1840s have been covered, with participants reading a variety of books and the discussion facilitated by professional historians. The next discussion session will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 14, at 4 p.m. in the Chadbourne Room at the Robinson House. The Jacksonian era will be one of the topics discussed, and participants are urged to read the essay on Andrew Jackson written by the famous Columbia University historian Richard Hofstadter in his classic study, "The American Political Tradition and the Men who Made It."

One of the new themes being introduced to these discussions is a focus on the "wisdom of history." Among some of the observations regarding history that stem from this idea are the following: nations around the world in all plac-

es and times have recognized common values; empires rise and fall because of individual decisions made by individual leaders at critical moments; power, the desire to dominate others, is a universal value; the American view of freedom has been shaped by thought from the Old Testament, ancient Greece and Rome, Christianity, Britain, and the American frontier; the Founders of the United States believed that history was the most important single subject for all citizens of a free republic to study; the Founders also believed that the study of history made a better person as an individual and better as a citizen of a free republic; mankind does not usually learn from history and the consequences of this failure are most often tragic; science, technology, the global economy, and the information "super highway" do not make mankind immune to the "lessons of history"; freedom is not a universal value; the Middle East is the graveyard of empires; the United States shares the destiny of the great republics and superpowers of the past; religion, spirituality and lust for power are the most important motivators in human history; there is a significant distinction between a statesman and politician with the statesman possessing bedrock principles, a moral compass and the ability to build a consensus and achieve a vision; and the United States has charted a unique role in history from its founding to the present, but only by adhering to the principles of the Founders can Americans expect peace, prosperity and security in the future.

New participants are always welcome to join the group. There is no fee and reading suggestions are made prior to each session by the facilitators. To register, please call the Bethel Historical Society at 207-824-2908 / 800-824-2910 or send an e-mail to info@bethelhistorical.org.

Wounded Warriors headed to Sunday River

Twenty-five disabled veterans and active duty military personnel, most of whom were injured in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan, will participate in the Veterans No Boundaries program at Sunday River this weekend. The program takes place Feb. 3 through 6 and this year's event will involve alpine skiing, Nordic skiing, snowmobiling, snowshoeing and a number of other activities at Sunday River, the Sunday River Outdoor Center and various other locations throughout Newry and in Bethel.

Veterans No Boundaries is a program of Maine Adaptive Sports & Recreation (Maine Adaptive) that provides recreational activities to veterans and active duty personnel with physical disabilities who

require adaptive instruction, equipment and/or support in order to participate in sports. The Veterans No Boundaries program is held twice a year for veterans to help them either return to a sport or try a sport for the first time after becoming disabled. The program also seeks to involve family members and caregivers. Like all Maine Adaptive programs, the weekend and program is entirely free of charge for all attendees and many will be bringing family members to participate with them this weekend.

Participants will arrive in Maine from throughout the country beginning Thursday evening and will stay through Monday afternoon. Six of this winter's participants will travel with support cadre from Fort Drum, N.Y. These soldiers are all active duty in the US Army and have been assigned to the Warrior Transition Unit (WTU) as a result of their injuries while they await a formal disability hearing. As others from Fort Drum have the past three years, these soldiers will be participating in the program "on orders" as part of their treatment and rehabilitation.

Veterans No Boundaries also enjoys and will benefit from a strategic partnership with Hope For The Warriors®, a national organization whose mission is to enhance quality of life for U.S. service members and their families nationwide who have been adversely affected by injuries or death in the line of duty. Hope For The Warriors will be flying three injured veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom to Maine to participate in the program. Another exciting repeat feature of this year's program is a biathlon demonstration on Saturday at the Sunday River Outdoor Center with two-time Olympic biathlete Kristina Sabasteanski, also a military veteran herself.

Veterans No Boundaries is a specialized program of Maine Adaptive Sports & Recreation, the State's largest adaptive recreation program for children and adults with physical disabilities. Since the program was founded in 2004, this has been made possible through the generosity of various donors and sponsors, as well as by the efforts of dozens of volunteer instructors, guides and medical attendants. Veterans No Boundaries receives primary year-round financial support from Disabled Sports USA and Bath Iron Works; Sunday River provides lift tickets, trail passes and discounted lodging for each winter program. Numerous other local businesses, clubs and individuals have contributed meals, lodging discounts, snowmobiling and evening entertainment for this year's program.

For more information about Veterans No Boundaries of Maine Adaptive, please visit www.maineadaptive.org, e-mail info@maineadaptive.org or call 800-639-7770.

Honor roll

Andover Elementary School honor roll for the first quarter 2011-2012:

High Honors: Angela Cintron, Perry Morton.
Honors: Jeffrey Stetson, Nyia Dixon.

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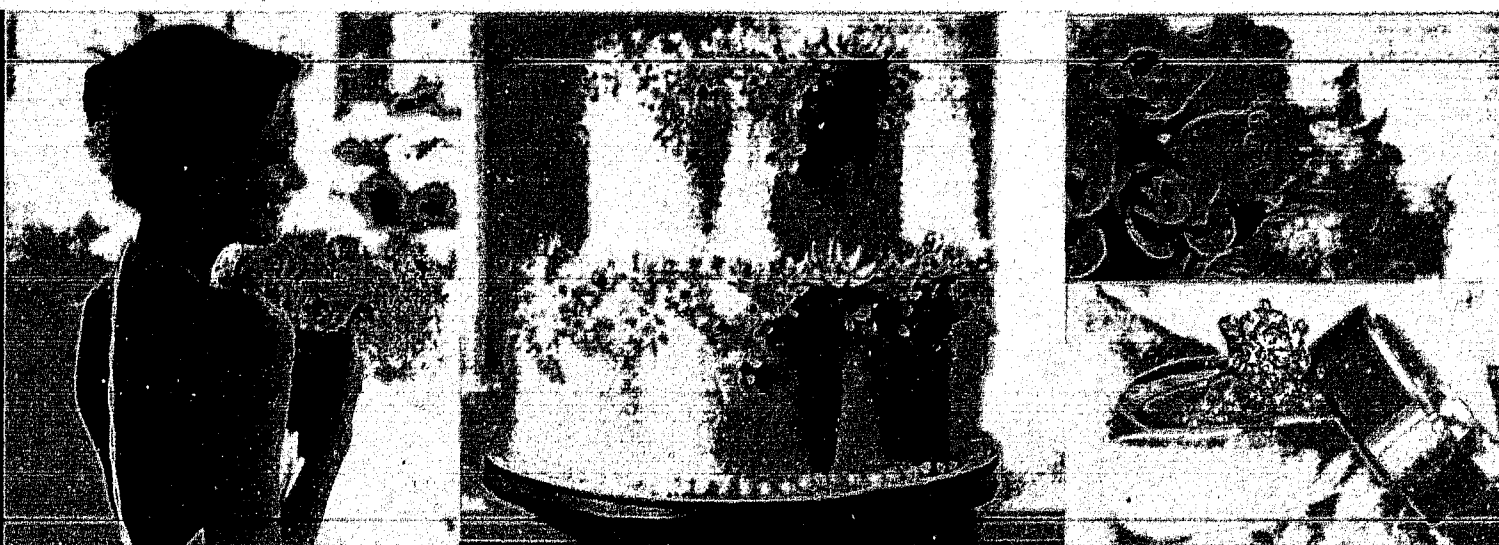
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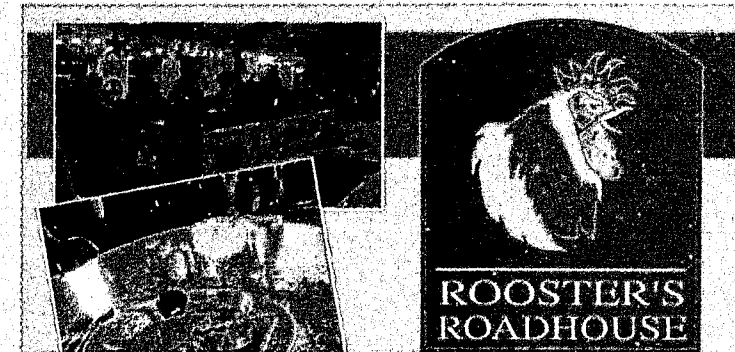
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by Helene Hovanec

RIDDLE SEARCH - ON THE ROAD

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: Why did the cow cross the road?

- AVENUE
- BYWAY
- CIRCLE
- COURSE
- CUL-DE-SAC
- DETOUR
- DRIVE
- LANE
- OVERPASS
- PATH
- ROAD
- ROTARY
- ROUTE
- SHORTCUT
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P Y L A N E T T E O
R U O T E D R I V E
I R E S S K Y W A Y

Riddle Answer: _____

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



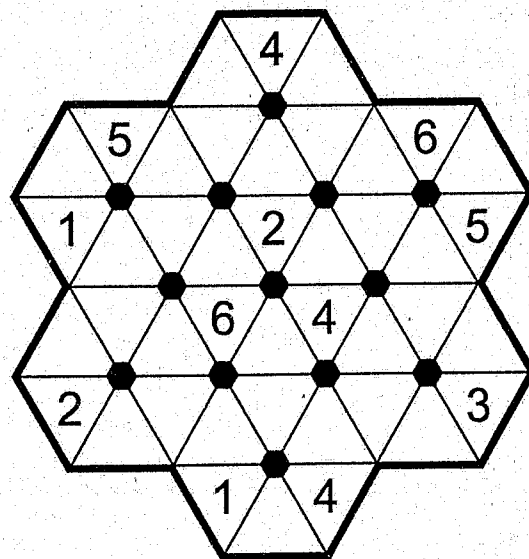
Differences: 1. Sweater is different. 2. Lamp is missing. 3. Bulletin board has been added. 4. Door is missing. 5. Item missing from wall board. 6. Pencil is gone.

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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦ Difficult

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

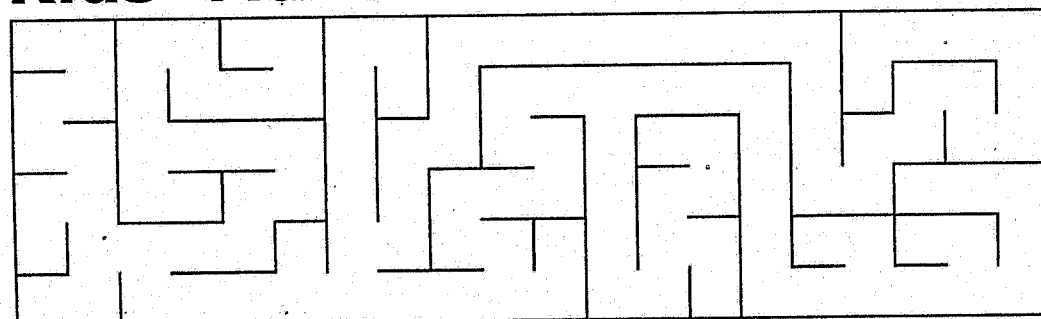
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TODAY'S WORD



"I guess I don't need to ask how _____ is?"

Kids' Maze



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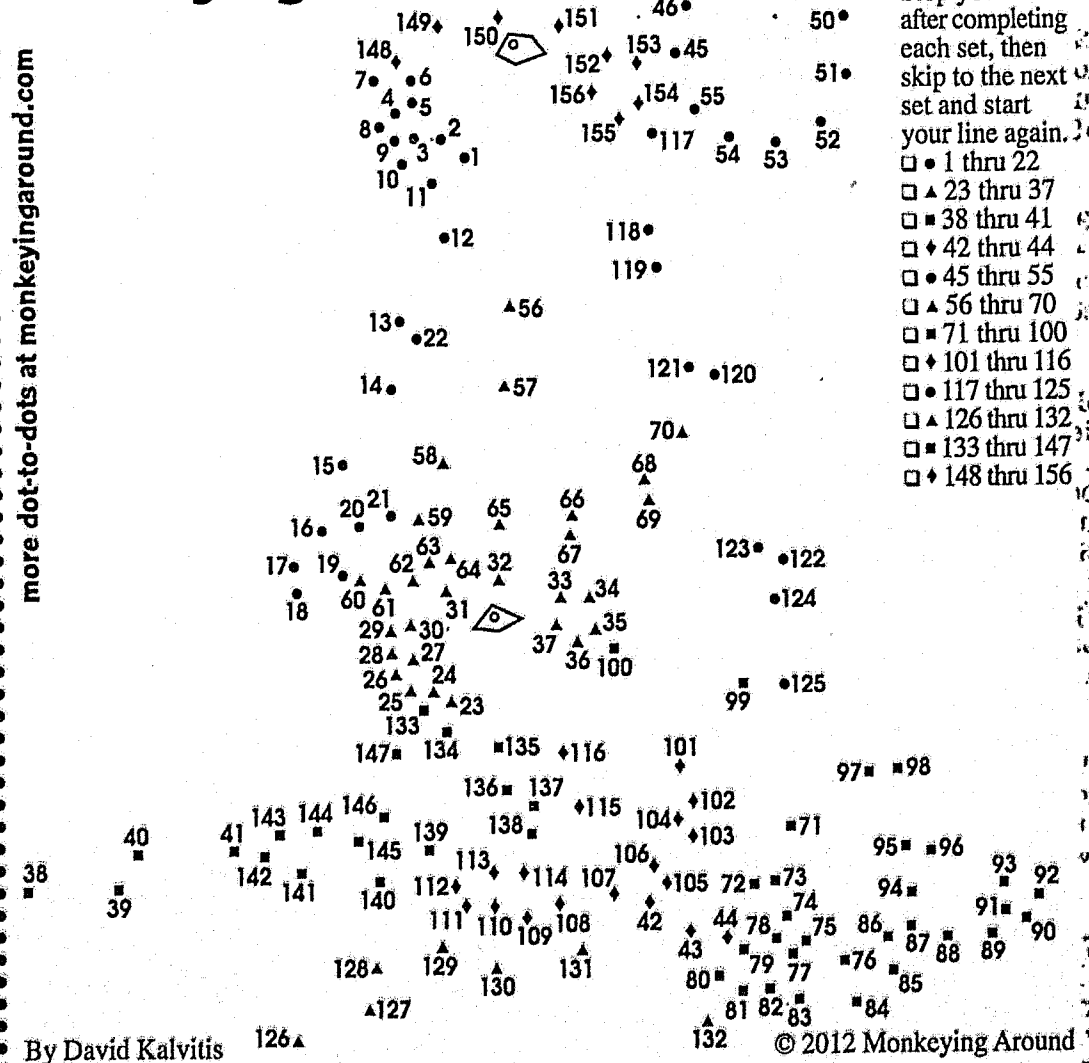
Super Crossword

ALTERNATIVES

- ACROSS
- 1 Type of file
 - 5 Broadway org.
 - 10 Bog
 - 15 — Cass
 - 19 Game ending?
 - 20 Prentiss or Poundstone
 - 21 Kind of quartz
 - 22 Vizquel of baseball
 - 23 Approximate
 - 25 Puzzling problem
 - 26 "Peter Pan" pooch
 - 27 Hester Prynn's kid
 - 28 Kids connect them
 - 30 Shorten a skirt
 - 31 Social climber
 - 32 James of "Miser"
 - 35 Clouds
 - 38 Owl or eagle
 - 40 New Hampshire's motto
 - 45 — do-well
 - 46 Shelley showcase
 - 47 Lauder powder
 - 48 Squealers
 - 51 Zodiac crustacean
- DOWN
- 32 Across' co-star
 - 56 Moun-taineers' gear
 - 59 "Darn!"
 - 61 Envelope abbr.
 - 63 Indeed
 - 65 Egyptian Nobelist
 - 66 "Battle Cry" author
 - 67 Alibi
 - 68 Coaching legend
 - 72 Came by
 - 73 Exclude
 - 74 Actress Hagen
 - 75 Misjudge
 - 76 "Make a decision!"
 - 80 Big —, CA
 - 81 "What —, a mind reader?"
 - 82 Appearance
 - 84 Most
 - 86 Pres., e.g.
 - 87 Delhi dress
 - 88 Assail
 - 90 Author
 - 91 Cry over a mouse?
 - 92 Lena of "Havana"
 - 93 Showy shrub
 - 95 High-toned guy?
 - 99 Couch
- 101 Wax device
- 103 Praise
- 105 Summon mommy
- 106 Enthusiastic review
- 108 Hamlet's line
- 113 "Islands in the —" ('83 hit)
- 115 Frame of mind
- 116 "Nonsensel"
- 117 Terrible
- 118 Boar's beloved
- 120 Rigatoni relative
- 123 Bridal path?
- 127 Brainchild
- 128 Hebrew text
- 131 Survival option
- 134 "Oh, woe!"
- 135 Honshu metropolis
- 136 Furry fisherman
- 137 Tourist isle
- 138 Riga resident
- 139 Katmandu's country
- 140 Peter of Herman's
- 141 List ender
- 1 Interstate exit
- 2 — vera
- 3 Writer Paretsky
- 4 Give it one's awl?
- 5 Cal. page
- 6 Guitarist Sussman
- 7 Acted promptly?
- 8 Besides
- 9 Ecclesiastic line
- 10 Cartog-rapner's creation
- 11 Give it — (try)
- 12 Hasty
- 13 That's no bull!
- 14 Grammy winner Woody
- 15 Dragon or Dracula
- 16 Words for a wimp
- 17 Lord's lair
- 18 Spirited steed
- 24 Norwegian name
- 29 Disconso-late
- 33 Humorist Buchwald
- 34 Tide type
- 36 Earliest
- 37 Word with cow or horse
- 39 Acts like a chicken
- 40 Tennis stroke
- 41 — Bell Wells
- 42 Donkey doc
- 43 Bulldogs
- 44 A shape that stops traffic
- 49 Tiny Tom
- 50 Soap opera, e.g.
- 52 Cassius' cohort
- 54 Pupil's place
- 55 Medieval mental
- 57 Bouquet
- 58 Mississippi port
- 60 Gary and Elizabeth
- 62 Kickoff drummer
- 68 Quiet partner?
- 69 Hosts
- 70 Halloween greeting
- 71 Ancient deity
- 73 Shake-spearean tragedy
- 77 German poet
- 78 Air bear?
- 79 Flexed, as muscles
- 85 Born
- 87 Italian wine
- 88 "The Jungle Book" bear
- 89 Glum drop?
- 94 Parental sibling
- 96 Sgt. or cpl.
- 97 Solid circle
- 98 New York city
- 100 Polo's place
- 102 Bk. conven-ience
- 104 — wop
- 107 Singer Sheena
- 109 Literary pseudonym
- 110 Bright inventor?
- 111 Dictator
- 112 Pyramus' paramour
- 113 Move like
- 51 Across
- 114 "Archie" character
- 117 Push-button predecessor
- 119 Envelope
- 121 Schipa or Jackson
- 122 Up on
- 124 Flatten a fly
- 125 Kedrova of Zorba the Greek
- 126 Runner Zatopek
- 129 Record abbr.
- 130 Smith or Foster
- 132 Novelist Kesey
- 133 Vein contents

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By David Kalvitis

Sets

Stop your line after completing each set, then skip to the next set and start your line again.

- 1 thru 22
- 23 thru 37
- 38 thru 41
- 42 thru 44
- 45 thru 55
- 56 thru 70
- 71 thru 100
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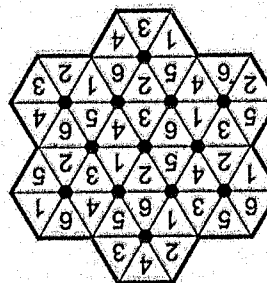
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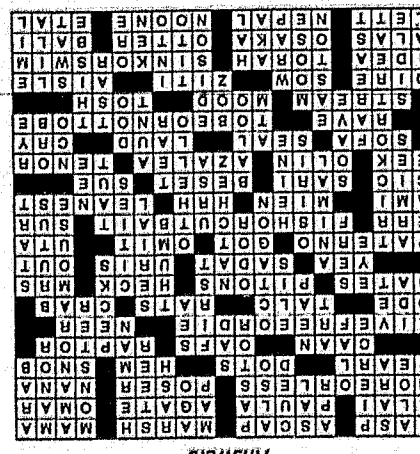
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Today's Word: Everything

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Sports

High School Boys' Varsity Basketball

Dirigo 74, Telstar 34; Jan. 30-Telstar stats: Danny Whitney 9, Corey Howard 8. Despite the loss the team is still in the running for a berth in the Western Class C Tournament (record 7-8). The next home game is Feb. 2 against Monmouth and the last regular season game is Feb. 8, versus Mt. Valley-Coach Mark Thurlow

Telstar 54, Winthrop 34; Jan. 26- Telstar stats: Nick Mills 19; Danny Whitney 12.

Telstar 69, Lisbon 35; Jan. 24- Telstar stats: Danny Whitney 19, Nick Mills 16.

Madison 61, Telstar 58; Jan. 21- Telstar stats: Danny Whitney 20 points, Nick Mills 17 points, Dom Haines 13 points.

Telstar 53, Mt. Abram 35; Jan. 19- Telstar stats: Danny Whitney 19 points, Dom Haines 12 points.

Telstar 56, Winthrop 35; Jan. 18- Telstar stats: Danny Whitney 17 points, Nick Mills 12 points, Corey Howard 10 points.

High School Boys' J.V. Basketball

Winthrop 43, Telstar 36; Jan. 26-Telstar stats: Maverik Griffin 17 points, David Pilgrim 8, Austin Ryerson 5.

Lisbon 42, Telstar 36; Jan. 24-Telstar stats: Nik Conrad 12 points, Rick James 8, Austin Ryerson 5.

Madison 54, Telstar 22; Jan. 21-Telstar stats: Nik Conrad 6 points, Rick James 3 points.

Mt. Abram 47, Telstar 31; Jan 19-Telstar stats: Austin Ryerson 9 points, Maverik Griffin 5 points.

Winthrop 50, Telstar 34, Jan. 18-Telstar stats: Maverik Griffin 9 points, Nik Conrad 6 points, Rick James 5 points.

High School Girls' J.V. Basketball

Dirigo 43, Telstar 26; Jan. 30- The Rebels were led by Alyssa Brands with 14 points including 2 three pointers, 5 from Annie Cushman, 2 each from Savanna Patenaude, Savanna Pelletier, and Maisey Griffin, and 1 point from Dora Pilgrim-Guay. The team played much better in the second half of the game, stepping up their defense and having much better ball movement creating more offensive opportunities.-Coach Mark Kenney

TMS Boys' Varsity Basketball

Telstar 48, Buckfield 22; Jan. 30-Telstar's Cameron Pike led



The Telstar J.V. Girls played Dirigo Monday at home, losing 43-26. Here, the Rebels Alyssa Brands puts up a shot. Telstar did not have enough players to field a varsity team this season, so are playing a J.V. schedule. On Saturday Telstar basketball players will take part in a Shoot-A-Thon fundraiser at THS, with half the money raised going to the Bethel Food Pantry, and the other half to THS basketball. Donors may go online to Fundraise.com and search "Telstar." The Shoot-A-Thon will take place in the gymnasium at 10 a.m. Anyone is welcome to watch players shoot 100 free-throws. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

the team with 13 points, while Brandon Dougherty added 10, and Tanner Wheeler and Matthew Bennett 6 each. Nine out of 10 Telstar players scored, as it was a shared attack. - Coach Tim O'Connor

Mt. Valley 50, Telstar 36; Jan. 28- Telstar's Cameron Pike led the team with 18 points, while Tanner Wheeler scored 14. Telstar was out played under the basket with Mt. Valley grabbing 35 rebounds. The team is now 5-4 for the season.-Coach Tim O'Connor

Telstar 39, St. Dom's 24; Jan. 25- Telstar defeated St. Doms 39-24 to improve their record to 5-3. Avery Griffin led the team with 11 points, while Cameron Pike added 9 and Brandon Dougherty. Improved offensive play has many different players scoring. - Coach Tim O'Connor

TMS Cross-country Skiing

Freestyle at Black Mt.; Jan. 26-Telstar cleaned house, beating all teams. Both the boys and girls won their event, defeating Dirigo, Mt. Valley, Oxford Hills and Sugarloaf Area Ski Team. For the girls, Carla Boyle Wight came in first, followed by Livy Clarke 2nd, Marta Opie 3rd, Aleah Connelly 5th, Ani Inman 8th, and Mia Shiffrins 12th. For the boys, Andrew Siegel was 1st, Marcus Wentworth 2nd, Schuyler Leff 4th, Donny Seib 5th, Sam Weaver 10th, Gaele Boyle Wight 16th and Ben Alford 17th.- Coach Steve Keane

Mt. Valley Rec Basketball League

LBi Gains Sunspot in MV Rec League

LBi, now 6-1, takes over the top spot by virtue of a 118-56 blowout win over Archies (0-7). The Bethel Bobcats (5-2) drew even and knocked Mt. Abram into second place with an exciting 63-62 last-second victory. J & G Ballers (2-5) took over the second half and bested Jay (3-3), 84-63.

The Bethel Bobcats came from 6 points down with less than a minute as Sean Caddigan (24 points, 6 threes) canned 2 free throws with seconds on the clock to seal the game. Mt. Abram was plagued with poor foul shooting in the end, missing 5 out of their last 6 shots. They were ahead most of the game although the margin was never more than 6 points. Bethel's Wade Osgood added 13 in support of Caddigan. Mt. Abram got 22 inside points from Matt Newell, Tyler Wentworth added 16 and JT Taylor 11.

J & G Ballers were hot most of the game from deep against Jay, who fell apart in the second half. Josh Albee (33 points) and Joe Goudreau (25 points) each hit 5 trifectas to put the game out of range. Jay was led by Levi Armandi with 19 points, Josh Gray had 12 and Eric Gimelli added 10 more.

Sunday's game have Mt. Abram and J & G playing at 10 a.m. Jay and LBi play at 11:30. Archies and Bethel finish up at 1 p.m.

Community Calendar

Clothing Exchange, Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4, Thursday 4 to 6, Saturday, 10 to 12 a.m. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours. No exceptions.

Food Pantry, Nazarene Church, Park Street, Bethel. By appointment only (824-0349).

Third Wednesday each month

Women's Imaging Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, professional prosthetic and bra fittings for women. FMI/appointment: 743-5993 Ext 6851. Insurances accepted and low-cost help available.

Sundays thru March 4

• 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. - **Public Skating** at Hebron Academy Robinson Arena rink. Cost: \$3 Adults/\$2 age 12 and under. Parking available in Athletic Center lot off Route 119. FMI: 966-2100 or visit www.hebronacademy.org

Wednesdays thru March 21

• 9 to 10 a.m. - **Stretch, Strength, and Balance** at Personal Best Health Club, 141 Western Avenue, South Paris. Cost: \$40/person, scholarships available. Registration required. FMI/register: (866) 609-5183.

Thursday, Feb. 2

• 6 p.m. - **Meet the Candidates Old Fashioned Beef Stew Supper** sponsored by Oxford County Democrats at Rumford Eagles Hall. Social time 5:30. Tickets: \$10 door with seniors and students \$8. RSVP (for planning purposes) 364-7666 or 875-2116

• 6 to 9 p.m. - **2nd Annual All You Can Eat Pizza Night** at Matterhorn, Sunday River Road, Newry. Tickets: \$15 p/p may be purchased from Rotary Club member or at door. Proceeds benefit Rotary's Scholarship Fund given in honor of Rocky Freda.

Thursdays, Feb. 2, 9, 16, March 1

• 4 to 9 p.m. - **Free Ski/Snowboarding Nights** at Black Mountain of Maine, Rumford. Sign in at base lodge on arrival. Free tubing selected nights. FMI: 864-3977 or visit www.SkiBlackMountain.org.

Friday, Feb. 3

• 7 p.m. - **Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center**, 18 Bradley Street, Fryeburg Academy, presents children's singer Rick Charette. Tickets: \$10 adults/\$5 children available online www.fryeburgacademy.org/pac or Box Office (935-9232).

February 3 thru 15

Wooden snowshoe exhibit, Fare Share Gallery, Norway. Exhibit opens Friday, Feb. 3, 5 to 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 4

10 a.m. - **Shoot-a-Thon** by Telstar High School basketball teams to raise funds for themselves and local charities (50 percent each) at school gym. Players asked to get donations and pledges in sponsorship of shooting 100 foul shots, per shot or single donation; sponsorships

collected day after shooting. FMI: Coach Sean Caddigan 860-992-5275.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Saturday Stroll**, Main Street, Bethel. Valentine's Day around corner. Many businesses pairing up to create bigger and better deals; just ask!

10 a.m. - **Republican Caucus for Albany**, Bethel, Newry at Crescent Park School.

Chinese Auction, Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School Cafeteria. Doors open 11 a.m., Auction begins 1 p.m. 50/50 raffle/\$1 table. Tickets \$1 each/8 for \$5. Lunch, snacks available. FMI/donations: call Nancy Henerseon (674-3060. Items may be left at OHCHS. Storm date Feb. 5.

4 to 6:30 p.m. - **Annual Clam Supper**, Rock-O-Dundee Club House, Paine Road, East Oxford. Clams, shrimp, haddock, chicken fingers, fries. Eat or take out. First come, first served. FMI: Ann (539-2322) or Suzanne (539-2616).

6:30 p.m. - **Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center**, 18 Bradley Street, Fryeburg Academy, will show Northern New England Fly Fishing Film Tour 2012 hosted by Tin Mountain Conservation Center. Tickets: \$12 adults in advance and for students and \$15 at door. Available online www.fryeburgacademy.org/pac or Box Office (935-9232).

Sundays in February

Free Skiing at Mt. Abram for Greenwood school age residents on Sundays. Program includes lessons and equipment if needed. Sign up at the Greenwood Town Office. Sign-ups are limited and are on a first come, first served basis.

Sunday, Feb. 5

12:30 to 2 p.m. - **Hope Association Ride-In CANCELED**. Fundraising portion of Ride-in continues; drawing **Monday, Feb. 6**, and winners notified. Raffle tickets \$1 for one/\$5 for six available at The What Not Shop. Great prizes. Donations accepted. FMI: 364-4561 or visit www.hopeassociation.org.

Monday, Feb. 6

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - **Socrates Caf** meets at Waterford Library. Forum topic: "Is The Earth Overpopulated with Humans?." Moderator: Sally Chappell. FMI: 583-6957 or e-mail wla@waterford.lib.me.us/

Monday, Feb. 6 and Feb. 22

5:30 to 7 p.m. - **Maine Uniform Building Codes, Energy Code and Radon Code** contractor question/answer meetings with Town Code Enforcement Officer. Monday, Feb. 6, Woodstock Town Office and Wednesday, Feb. 22, at Norway Town Office. All residents encouraged to attend. FMI: e-mail cejoelle@hotmail.com

Tuesday, Feb. 7

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Heart Health Screening/Lecture** (Free) Gorham, N.H., Town Hall. Reservations required; call Donna Godin at (603) 326-5607 or visit www.avhnh.org.

7 p.m. - **Book Reading** by Brian Walker, Gould Class of 1983, former Gould faculty member, and author of "Black

Boy White School" at Gould Academy's McLaughlin Science Center Trustees Auditorium. Free and open to the public. Copies of the book will be available.

Wednesday, Feb. 8

10 to 11:30 a.m. - **Snowshoeing**, Carters X-C Center, 420 Main Street/Route 26, Oxford, sponsored by MaineHealth Learning Resource Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital. Cost: \$10 includes snowshoes, poles, guided walk on trails; scholarships available. FMI/register: (866) 609-5183.

11 a.m. - **Bethel Senior Citizens Club** potluck dinner/meeting at West Parish Congregational Church, Church Street. Donation of \$3 requested.

2 to 3:30 p.m. - **U.S. Senator Collins** will hold office hours at Norway Town Office, 19 Danforth Street. Questions can be directed to Senator Collins' Lewiston office (784-969).

Thursday, Feb. 9

2 p.m. - **Whitman Memorial Library** (rescheduled from Jan. 12) presents Dr. Fred Jordan, with a somewhat whimsical look at forensic pathology over the years and discuss Maine medical examiners' system then and now, mass disaster planning, and story of Maine boy who moved West. Public invited. No charge. Light refreshments. Snow date Feb. 16.

4:30 to 6 p.m. - **WMSC To Your Health** program presents Dr. Daniel E. van Buren, Cardiologist, Medical Director New England Heart Institute, Androscoggin Valley Hospital, Berlin, N.H., to speak on "Caring for Your Heart - Heart Disease, Prevention, Symptoms, Treatment Options and New Developments," at West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. Free. Public invited. FMI: Rosabelle Thiff (824-2053).

6:30 p.m. - **Project Graduation** planning meeting at Telstar Library. Volunteers needed to help plan and fund raise. All community members, businesses, parents, families, friends and underclassmen encouraged to attend. FMI: 824-2136.

Saturday, Feb 11

9 to 10:30 a.m. - **Flying Moose Classic XC Race 2012** check-in and Day of Race Registration (\$25 advance at NENSA or by mail, \$30 day of race, youth events \$5) Gould Academy Field House. Mass start Gould Academy's Pine Hill Competition Trails 7.5 km and 22 km timed races, sponsored by Bethel Outing Club. FMI: contact Jim Reuter, jim@smithreuter.com or call 824-4099.

Second Annual Mellie Dunham Shoe and String Festival, Norway. FMI: call Lee at Western Foothills Land Trust (739-2124).

2 p.m. - **Rick Charette Concert**, Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School auditorium to benefit Responsible Pet Care Animal Shelter of Oxford Hills. Tickets: all seats \$6/10 people or more \$5. Reserved seating available. Tickets available at door or Books N Things, Norway.

7 to 10 p.m. - **Swingin' Bears Square Dance Club Valentine Dance** at Oxford Hills Middle School, 100 Pine Street, South Paris. Door prizes and Pot O' Gold drawing.

LIBRARY HOURS

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1-4:30 pm; Thursday 1-4:30 & 6-8 pm. Tel: 392-4841

Bethel Library: Monday 9-1; Tuesday 1-5; Wednesday 1-8; Thursday & Friday 1-5 Saturday, 9-1. Story Hour Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m., October to May. Tel: 824-2520.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel: 665-2505. Tuesday and Thursday, 1 to 5 p.m.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-6; Wednesday 1:30-7; Friday 1:30-6; Saturday 10-2. Patty Makley, Librarian. Tel: 674-2004

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 9-3; Thursday, 5-8; Saturday, 9-noon.

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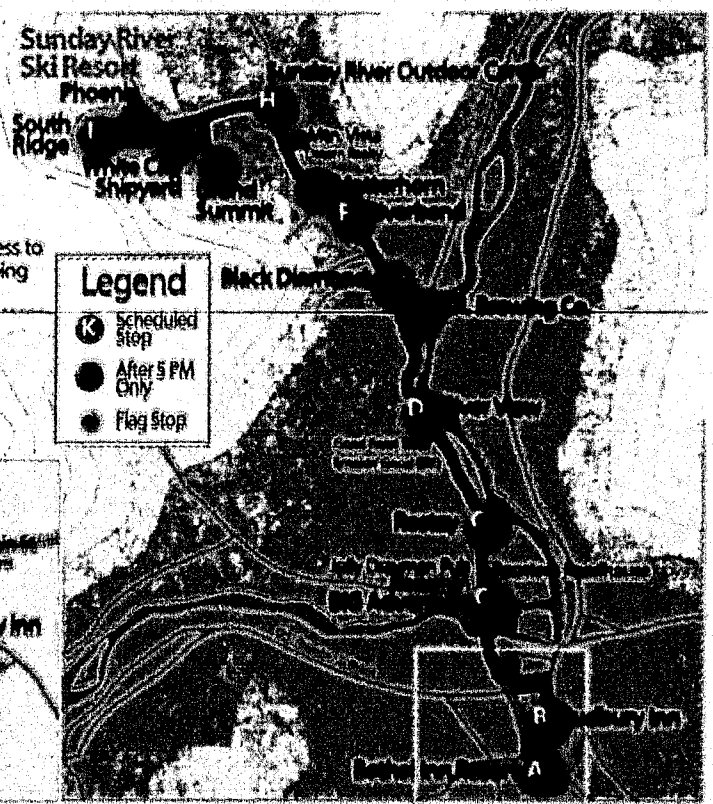


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Tuesday: BBQ pork/wheat bun, oven fries, or quick pic: yogurt, muffin, cheese stick, or Sunbutter and jelly sandwich.
Wednesday: Pizza choices, harvest salad, or Sunbutter and jelly sandwich.
Thursday: Homemade American chop suey whole wheat rotini, locally grown squash, or Sunbutter and jelly sandwich.
Friday: Chicken and cheese quesadilla w/salsa on whole wheat tortillas. Red beans and rice, or Sunbutter and fluff sandwich.

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends - a worship group meeting in the un-programmed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome.

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STORAGE SPACE FOR RENT

STORAGE UNITS, BETHEL: New 7'x12' w/7x7' loft, \$70/mo. 5'x7' w/5x4' loft, \$40/mo. 207-824-0579, 603-552-3295, or cell: 603-247-2081.

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FOR RENT: Nice selection of long term, vacation, seasonal rentals available. Bethel/Sunday River area. Now accepting properties for the upcoming season. Please contact Mahoosuc Rentals, 207-824-2771 or www.mahoosucrentals.com

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RENTALS: SEASONAL & YEAR-ROUND, residential and commercial real estate. Contact Dream Realty: 207-824-4300 or e-mail: info@dreamrealty.me

SEASONAL CHALET RENTAL: Sunday River Viking Village. 31 Viking Village Road. 700 feet to Roadrunner trail. 207-824-2315.

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Committee	Number of Vacancies	Length of Term (Years)
Planning Board	1	3
Ordinance Review	1	1
SAD#44 Director	1	1

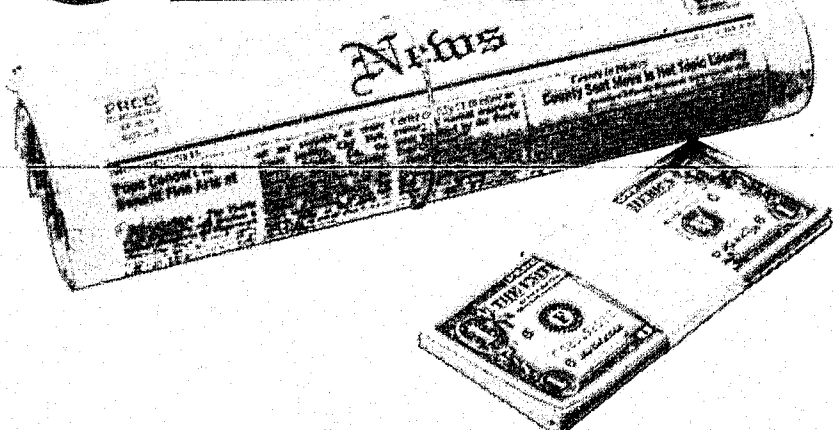
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Great-grandparents are Rowena Dunham of West Paris and Dorothy Connell of South Paris.

Jarrold and Paige Crockett of Bethel are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Theodore "Teddy" Dexter Crockett, born on Jan. 29, 2012, at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds.

Maternal grandparents are Tom and Marcey White of Prescott, Ariz.

Paternal grandparents are Butch and Ann Crockett of Bethel and Aline Dupont of Gilead.

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